

THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER
PELHAM, NEW YORK



THANKSGIVING DAY

(YEAR B)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 28, 2024

ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

TODAY'S SERVICE

It was not uncommon for Christians who came to the Americas to celebrate one or more days of thanksgiving to God throughout the year. This practice continued in many and various ways until states began to establish official government days of thanksgiving. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln made proclamation that there be a National Day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November. In 1939, during the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt attempted to move the national celebration back one week to the second-to-last Thursday in November. However, his proclamation was not mandatory and the result was that twenty three states celebrated Thanksgiving on the penultimate Thursday of the month, twenty-two states celebrated Thanksgiving on the final Thursday of November, and other states, following Texas' lead, celebrated both "Franksgiving," as it became known, and Thanksgiving as government holidays. In 1941 Congress settled the matter by designating the Thursday in the fourth week of November as Thanksgiving Day. The Episcopal Church has officially celebrated a Day of Thanksgiving in November since at least the 1892 Prayer Book. The 1892 and 1928 Prayer Books state that "in November, the first Thursday (or, if any other day be appointed by the Civil Authority, then such day) shall be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all other Blessings of his merciful Providence." The current Prayer Book offers propers for Thanksgiving but designates no specific day or month for the feast to be celebrated. All hymns and service music reprinted in this leaflet are either in the public domain or reprinted with permission under OneLicense.net license A-713125.

CHILDREN, NURSERY CARE, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion.

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The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God



ORGAN PRELUDE

An organ prelude is offered each week before worship as a form of prayer. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation in the church or outside the Sacristy.

Improvisation

Bischof

ENTRANCE HYMN (#290)

All stand and sing the hymn as the minister enter.

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bid; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

Music: *St. George's, Windsor*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing.

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (#379)

All remain standing and sing "Glory to God in the highest".

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the first three lines of the score. The lyrics describe the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the joy of the world in Him.



who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: JOEL 2:21-27

All are seated. The First Lesson is now read.

Reader

A reading from the Book of Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

IN CONVERTENDO

All remain seated and say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

Celebrant

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

People

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Celebrant

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

People

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Celebrant Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
People **Those who sowed with tears ***
will reap with songs of joy.
Celebrant Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

All are seated. The Epistle is now read.

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (#291)

All stand and sing the hymn.

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.
 Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-33

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rev. Matthew Mead.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All **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 III)

All remain standing.

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to add your own intercessions, said in aloud or in silence.

Silence is observed. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. *Silence is observed.*

All **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.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements. The announcements conclude with the offertory sentence. This week's schedule and additional announcements are at the back of the bulletin.



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HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

During the organ voluntary the bread and wine are prepared at the altar and an offering is taken.

Improvisation

Bischof

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380, VS 3)

All stand and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.

The musical score is written for organ in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for the first system are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;". The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melodic line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for the second system are: "Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface assigned for the day.

Celebrant 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:

All sing "Holy, holy, holy" (#S 114)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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 forever.

People

AMEN.

Celebrant
All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All remain standing and sing "Lamb of God" (Hymn #S 158)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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VOLUNTARY AT THE COMMUNION

During the ministration of Holy Communion, the organist plays a voluntary.

Improvisation

Bischof

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN (#288)

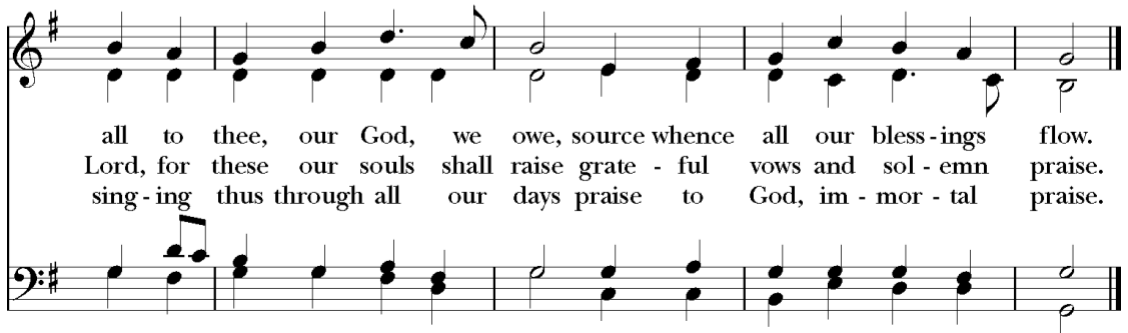
All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;



boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743–1825)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786–1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1916

Meter: 77.77.77

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

All remain standing.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY

All remain standing as the altar party processes from the Sanctuary during the Postlude. Once the altar party has departed, please be seated and be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Choral Improvisation Op. 65

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933

#59 Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)



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Friday, November 29

The office will be closed

Saturday, November 30, Saint Andrew's Day

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Greening of the Church, Hall & Library

Sunday, December 1, The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - Said Eucharist Rite I (Church)

10:00 am - Choral Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Sunday School & Nursery Care (Ranck Building)

5:00 pm - Said Eucharist (Church)

Greening of the Church on Saint Andrew's Day: Saturday, November 30 starting at 10am

Saturday is Saint Andrew's Day and we are greening the church, hall, and library. Said Mass is at 10am; greening starts right after. We will be finished no later than 1pm.

Artist of the Month: Rosario Villavicencio

The Artwork in Hoag Hall is for sale throughout November and December.

Calling all cooks to Help with the Soup Kitchen RSVP By December 1

The Women's Connection is Seeking Volunteers to make food for the Mount Vernon Soup Kitchen. We will be cooking for 100 people - So many volunteers are needed. We are signed up to make a meal for the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Please let us know if you would be happy to make: BAKED/ROASTED CHICKEN PARTS (please not spicy) or ROASTED POTATOES. It's is EASY. You cook in your own home. Please deliver the food to the church undercroft kitchen by noon on Dec. 5. Please label it and include your name. If you need someone to pick the food up from your home, just let us know. We will have someone pick it up. We will let you know how many to cook for once we hear from everyone. Please RSVP to Barbara Zambelli at bzambelli1@aol.com by December 1.

Men's Group Bagging Lunches and Dinner - Wednesday December 4, 6pm

The Outreach Committee partners each month with our Men's Group and the Church of Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle making and service bagged lunches. Once a month on Wednesday at 6pm the Men's Group make and wrap 120 sandwiches and bag 60 lunches that will be served the next day. Members of the group gather afterwards for dinner. The next day (the first Thursday of each month) members of our Outreach Committee deliver and help serve bagged lunches at Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle.

Seniors Christmas Party - Thursday, December 5, 2024, Noon

Join our Seniors (of all ages) for a festive lunch in the Hall featuring a reading of The Night Before Christmas and singing of popular Christmas Carols. Catered Lunch with wine, \$35 per person. RSVP by December 1st to: marie@christchurchpelham.org or 914.738.5515

A New York Lamentation - Saturday, December 7, 2024, 3pm

Presented by the Episcopal Diocese of New York Reparations Commission at Christ Church. In this play by the Rev. Chuck Kramer, six historical figures from New York's slavery era meet to tell their stories. From supporters of slavery to abolitionists to formerly enslaved men and women, each has to reckon with the evil they witnessed and, in some cases, participated in.

This play is being presented around the Diocese of New York in Autumn 2024.

Saint Lucia Festival & Concert in NYC - Sunday, December 8

The Christ Church Women's Connection is heading to NYC. Celebrate the Swedish festival of Saint Lucia on Sunday, December 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a traditional Saint Lucia procession and concert at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, four blocks south of Grand Central Terminal. Learn about the history of Saint Lucia and enjoy music by members of the Swedish community in New York. Tickets are \$30 per person, must be purchased in advance and are available online at <https://www.scandinaviahouse.org/event/holiday-concert-3/>

To RSVP and for more information, contact Jean Gruener at gruenerjean@me.com OR call or text her at 914-426-4118.

Christmas Cookie Exchange – Saturday, December 14, 2pm

Our Annual Cookie Exchange will be hosted by Courtney McGrory (see your directory for the address). Please bring homemade cookies to share and exchange. The afternoon will feature other food and refreshments as well.

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm

Join us for Christmas Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm. Lessons and Carols features Christmas readings from the Bible and cherished and well known Christmas Carols sung by our amazing parish choir led by Dr. Justin Bischof, and favorite Christmas Carols for the entire congregation. It is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. There is no cost to attend, though donations are appreciated. The service will be followed by a festive reception in our Parish Hall. Are are welcome and bring your friends!

Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 22, 5pm

Our Annual Pageant is one of the treasures of the church year. Our parish is beginning preparations for our annual Christmas pageant, which will be taking place this year on Sunday, December 22nd at 5pm. As with all years, the pageant is open to all children in our parish (and beyond), as we have plenty of different roles & costumes for all age levels. There will not be any advanced rehearsals for the pageant except for the day of, where we'd ask all children and parents to arrive to the church at 3pm for a rehearsal + costume fitting (includes singing). If you are interested, please let Evan Felcietti know as soon as possible, so we can begin to get a headcount. Thank you so much!

New York Cares Coat Drive – Until December 31

A coat is not a luxury - and it's getting cold out there. Christ Church is an official drop-off/donation site for NYC Cares Annual Coat Drive. If you have gently-used or new coats for children or adults, please bring them to the church's donation boxes, which are located at the lower parking lot entrance inside the glass doors. Hours are 9-5, seven days a week, through Dec. 31. Please help to keep New Yorkers safe and warm this winter.

Children's Choir

Weekly Children's Choir (2nd to 5th grades) rehearses Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 pm. The Sunday and Holy Day singing schedule for the Children's Choir includes Christmas Eve at 4pm, Easter Sunday at 9am, and at the 10am service on Sundays November 24, January 26, March 2, March 30, April 29, May 18, and June 8. The choir is growing, and we would love for your child to join us! Please talk to our Music Director Dr. Justin Bischof for more information.

Youth Group

Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers next meets Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30pm to 7pm. Speak to Evan Felicetti for more information.



Friends of Music Concert Season 2024-2025

Five concerts celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Christ Church's Juget-Sinclair organ. Four internationally acclaimed concert organists who are also leading New York City area Episcopalian organists. A wine and cheese reception will take place after the concerts. To purchase tickets please use this QR code.

Wednesday January 29th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Orchestral Concert by Modus Operandi Orchestra MOO; Justin Bischof, artistic director & conductor; David Enlow, organist.

Wednesday March 26th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by David Enlow, Organist & Choirmaster, Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

Wednesday May 7th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by Stephen Tharp; Artist-in-Residence (2015-2024); St. James Madison Avenue.

Outreach Request - Food Pantry

Parishioners are invited to donate any of the following items on or before the FIRST Sunday of each month.

- Healthy cereal (grocery store size, no Costco or BJ's boxes)

Shelf-stable milk *

14-16oz. cans of fruit, corn, peas, or beans

6oz. cans of tuna

1lb. packages of rice *

Pasta and 14-25 oz. PLASTIC jars of spaghetti sauce

Reusable bags such as Fresh Direct Bags!!!

Pet Food for the Animal Drive

PLEASE - NO odd, old, opened or expired food.

Outreach Request - Sharing Shelf Donations

The Sharing Shelf of Westchester is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 to address clothing insecurity and meet basic hygiene necessities of area low-income children and teens. The Shelf works to provide feminine hygiene products that will help fight period poverty and give dignity, comfort, and self-esteem to girls and young women in our area. There is a pink donation box inside the double glass doors at the lower parking lot; please help with a donation of unopened boxes of menstrual products.

Please Check Your Junk E-Mail

We have updated our communications systems and how we are sending emails to smaller and more targeted groups. Doing that might mean some of our emails are going into your Spam or Junk folders. Please take a moment to check your Junk/Spam email folder in case you have missed an email from Fr. Matt or other members of the staff.

We need Coffee Hour Hosts: Volunteer today!

Are you interested in hosting Coffee Hour? There are two ways you can host Coffee Hour at 10am.

- 1) Provide food (snacks for adults and kids, milk, juices, etc.) that totals about \$75-\$150.
- 2) Donate \$200 to the Coffee Hour Fund, and we will cater it for you.

You can sponsor an entire coffee hour on your own or join forces with others to get to the total food or dollars needed. Contact Marie Main if you want to Donate for a catered Coffee Hour. If you want to sign up to provide food, simply sign up on the sheet in the parish hall.

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Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
Ms. Marie Main, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mr. Evan Felicetti, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*

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Curtis Chase, Jack Kraft, Andy DesRault, Robert Landis, Barbara Zambelli

Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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