

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026 (8:00 am & 10:00 am)

The Rt. Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio

The Reverend Doctor Robin R. Woodberry, Rector

James W. Shiell, Director of Music

Paul W. Keriotis, Director of Spiritual Formation

Prelude

Aria – David Ashley White

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No.493

O for a thousand tongues to sing - *Azmon*

A Penitential Order

BCP p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures for ever**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.*

The Celebrant stands and says.

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.**

Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy

setting: Swee Hong Lim

Sung through twice

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A Reading from the Book of 1 Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel.

He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*spoken at both services*)

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.

Ephesians 5:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn MHSO no. 86 In the bulb there is a flower – *Promise*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -
 tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
 dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
 ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our
 flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
 hope to you and me. From the past will come the
 life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -
 win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
 rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,
 vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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The Gospel: John 9:1-41

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People 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.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and together say

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.*

Prayers of the People

Leader As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

[*silence*]

Leader Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all creatures that live in them. God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnerships and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of war, racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, and your encouragement to the discouraged, especially; Al Novak, Norman Coupland, Gloria Duran, Amanda Marsh, Virginia, and Raymond Takach, Jean Pinti, Eric Tracey, Faith Scarmuzzi, Hunter Stringham, Cindy Thirion, and Roger Carnahan. Are there others? God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Inspire and empower us to do your work in the world. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through the work set before us. Make us faithful, God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints. Are there those you wish to name? God of grace,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Cindy Thirion and Tiffany Fisher. Are there those you wish to name? We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, giver of all light and vision, by your Word you made the day and night. Let your wondrous work be revealed in us so that your glory might shine like the sun; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. ***Amen.***

Blessing of Baptismal Font

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The Offertory Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd (*Requiem*) – John Rutter

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer EOW 2

The People 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 the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

St. Bride's Setting

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

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,
 forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

St. Bride's Setting

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
 grant us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

Distribution

All are welcome and invited to the altar rail for communion. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher. You may eat the bread and take a sip from the common cup, or you can dip the bread into the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office

Hymn at the Distribution

Amazing Grace – David Ashley White

Post Communion Prayer—*Celebrant and People (stand or kneel)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn No. 194 (inserted) LEVAS Lead me, guide me – Richard Smallwood

Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,

For— if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Fine

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Gabriel's Oboe (from *The Mission*) – Ennio Morricone

Assisting with our Worship:

8am Mike Maggiano /10am Mike Cantelmo – Lector
8am Joe Gladd/10am Faith Scarmuzzi -Lector/Chalice
Faith Scarmuzzi-Prayers of the People
Nancy Forrester & Peter Day– Ushers
The Massaro Family-Greeter
8am Jan Henrey & Clare Adams – Altar Guild
10am Karen Andrus & Stacy Jo Costley– Altar Guild
Lynn Peteritis & Linda Day – Coffee Hour
Aaron Woodberry & Jayhannys Nazario Rivera – Happy Baggers
Deb Murphy & Aaron Woodberry– A/V

Leading our Music

The Parish Choir, Sarah Penney - Oboe

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are happy to have you worship with us today! If you are a visitor or would like to know more about the life, work, and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew rack. The greeter in the Narthex will help you complete a “Connect Card”. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher, or a Vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION is immediately following both services. Light refreshments are served. The topic: The Life and Teachings of Jesus. Please consider staying after worship for this opportunity of fellowship!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN is held each week during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play. Interested children (K-5) are welcomed to join in the procession. Children return to the Sanctuary during The Peace so they may join their families for Holy Eucharist.

THE PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS are on Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DRIVE: As part of our children's ministry's outreach, we will collect new or gently used children's Easter clothes each Sunday in Lent. You may deposit them in the narthex in the bins marked "Palm Sunday Clothing Drive". On Monday of Holy Week, Paul and children will take the clothes to Warren Family Mission to be distributed.

KISS THE DONKEY: Shirley, the donkey, will be back to help us with our Palm Sunday festivities and procession. As in the past, we will have a fundraiser and sell tickets to vote on who will kiss the donkey on Palm Sunday. The candidates are Mother Robin, Paul Keriotis, Jamie Shiell, Johnna Ben, or Tiffany Fisher. Please see Paul after worship to purchase your ticket and make your vote(s) count. Tickets are \$10 each.

RUMMAGE SALE: Donations for the rummage sale may now be dropped off. Please place items by the handicap-accessible door near the parish hall. The rummage sale will be held May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you're available to help, please let Liz Clark or the church office know. And keep those donations coming!

DINNER & A MOVIE WITH JESUS

5:30pm Light Supper in the Narthex
6:00pm Movie: THE CHOSEN

ORGAN RECITAL RESCHEDULED: The organ recital originally planned earlier this month has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Ralph Holtzhauser as our guest organist for the evening. Please join us for a wonderful night of music in the church. All are welcome, invite a friend! 🎹

BEATLES MASS IS BACK!!!: Our **Beatles Mass** has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Saturday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.** The service will feature music by The Beatles woven into the liturgy. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a **Chili Cook-Off** in the parish hall. Come for worship, stay for food and fellowship! 🎹 🌶️ All are welcome.

2026 Easter Memorials: Please use the form below to indicate how you would like your contribution to be used and return it by March 26th.

I (we) wish to contribute to:

Easter Altar Flowers

In memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Given by: _____



THE WEEKLY WORKINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, Mar 16	Boy Scouts 5 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesday, Mar 17	AA Meeting 6 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Happy Baggers deliver food/clothes to Lincoln 10 am	Parish Hall
Wednesday, Mar 18	Growing Deeper Study & Eucharist 10 am Deadline to submit Bulletin Announcements 12 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm Dinner & a Movie with Jesus, The Chosen 5:30 pm	Chapel Office Narthex
Thursday, Mar 19	Cub Scouts 5 pm Staff Meeting 10 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Office Open 9 am – 2 pm	Parish Hall Library Handbell Room Choir Room
Friday, Mar 20	Office Closed	
Saturday, Mar 21	Office Closed Toastmasters 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Ladles of Love 10:30 am First Presby Cooking 1:00 pm Ava Beagle Birthday Party 11am-2pm\	Rm 8 & 10 Kitchen Parish Hall & Kitchen
Sunday, Mar 22	Worship 08:00 am Worship 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Office Closed Happy Baggers Packing for Lincoln	Chapel Sanctuary Rm 7 & 9



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Church Events!

We have some exciting events coming up, and we need your help to make them a success! If you have a heart for serving others and a desire to contribute to our community, we invite you to volunteer for the following opportunities:

1. Easter Egg Hunt: March 28 Community Outreach w/Shining Stars Preschool
Help us make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a fun and memorable experience for our children! Volunteers are needed to hide eggs, assist with activities, and provide a warm, welcoming environment for families.
2. Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 8, 2026-June 12, 2026 8am til 1pm
VBS is just around the corner, and we're looking for passionate volunteers to help with teaching, crafts, snacks, and games. This is a wonderful opportunity to impact children's lives and share the love of Christ in a fun and engaging way.

3. Fine Arts Camp – June 15th til June 19th, 9am til 1pm
4. Gardening Projects: Our church grounds need some TLC! Whether you have a green thumb or just want to lend a hand, we need volunteers to come alongside the youth and help with maintaining our beautiful garden spaces.

How You Can Help

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events or would like more information, please contact the Church Office at 330-372-4998 and leave your information, or see Paul Keriotis. Together, we can make these events meaningful and impactful for our community!

PRAYER GROUP

Steve Watts is reaching out to see who may be interested in participating in a prayer group. Anyone interested is invited to meet at the church on March 22nd at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the service, in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve at 330-770-4763.



March Birthdays

19 Cindy Thirion
 20 Tiffany Fisher
 25 Al Novak
 29 David Susa



Lenten Saturday Instructed Eucharist: Understanding the Mystery

Saturday, March 21st, 10:00 AM ~ The Chapel

As part of our Lenten journey, you are invited to a Saturday morning of reflection and learning. We will begin with a light breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Library, followed by a teaching session on the Episcopal Eucharist in the Chapel. This Instructed Eucharist will explore how our ancient traditions continue to shape and nourish our faith today.

Have you ever wondered why we bow, stand, or cross ourselves—or what the priest is doing at the altar during the “quiet parts” of the prayer? This relaxed, walk-through experience will gently pull back the curtain on our liturgy, as Mother Robin explains the history, meaning, and why behind the way we worship.

Whether you usually attend the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. service, come join the whole parish family as we explore “The Way We Worship” together. All are welcome—from lifelong Episcopalians to those who are brand new or simply curious.

Arts on Atlantic

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ORGAN RECITAL

Ralph Holtzhauser—Organist

NEW DATE: Friday, March 27 at 7pm



Ralph Holtzhauser is a distinguished organist and educator, renowned for his versatile performances, dynamic collaborations, and dedication to engaging new audiences. He serves as Diocesan Music Director for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown and Music Director of the Cathedral of St. Columba. In 2023, he was appointed Professor of Organ in the Sacred Music Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he leads a thriving organ studio.

This Black History Month program will highlight the artistry and influence of African-American composers whose contributions have shaped—and continue to shape—the American sacred and concert music traditions.

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Shining Stars

Community Engagement Event!

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

Pancake Breakfast 9AM - 11AM

FREE BREAKFAST &
PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

Easter Egg Hunts

- ★ 11:30 AM - Under Age 2
- ★ 11:45 AM - Ages 2-3
- ★ 12:00 PM - Ages 4-5
- ★ 12:15 PM - Ages 6-8

Find Eggs with Candy, Trinkets & Tickets
for a Chance to WIN A POWERWHEEL!

Prize Drawing at 12:50 PM!

One of our Community Partners:
Christ Episcopal Church
Preparing the **FREE**
Pancake Breakfast



Shining Stars Preschool and Daycare
inside Christ Episcopal Church
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Journey with Us Through Holy Week to the Joy of Easter!

You are warmly invited to join us for the sacred journey of Holy Week, the most profound and meaningful week of the Christian year. Together we walk with Jesus from the shouts of “Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday, through the humility of the Last Supper, the sorrow of the cross, and finally to the joy and hope of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

These beautiful and powerful liturgies invite us to reflect, pray, and enter more deeply into the story of God’s love for the world.

Palm Sunday March 29th, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist as we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday– April 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Communal Agape Meal w/ Hand and Foot washing, Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus’ commandment to love one another.

Good Friday – April 3rd

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. as we reflect on the passion and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday – April 5th, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection with the joyful release of the Alleluias, Holy Baptism, and a special reception following the service. Children are also invited to take part in our festive Easter Egg Hunt. Come celebrate this joyful day together!

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come experience the hope, renewal, and new

life of Easter with us. All are welcome.   

