TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, Drawn by William Blake (1757-1827)

Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10 am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness
Characterize your Entrance into God's House

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I— Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 324

Kyrie & Gloria in excelsis .....BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Proper 27) ..... Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24..... .Bulletin p. 5

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 70.....Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 ..... Bulletin p. 7

the people are seated

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed ..... BCP 327

The Prayers of the People ..... BCP 387

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin ..... BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace ..... BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I ..... BCP 333

Sursum corda ..... BCP 340

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit ..... BCP 341

Said by all

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen ..... BCP 336

The Lord's Prayer ..... BCP 336

Fraction ..... BCP 337

Agnus Dei ..... BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access ..... BCP 337

Invitation to Communion ..... BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 339

The Blessing ..... BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal ..... BCP 340

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am
THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude: Improvisation

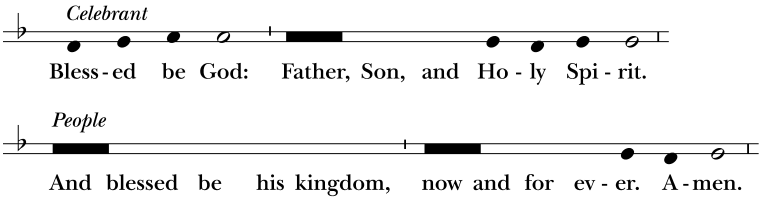
The Congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Processional Hymn 11 "Awake, my Soul" ……..……*Morning Hymn*

Introit……...*Mode VII*

O Lord Almighty, everything is in subjection unto thee; and there is no man tht is able to resist thy power: for thou hast created everything; heaven and earth, and all the wonders which under heaven's vault are contained; thou art the Lord and King of all things. *(Ps)* Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord: Glory be..., O Lord Almighty...

Opening Acclamation .....S76 Hymnal



The Collect for Purity .....BCP 323

Summary of the Law.....BCP 324

Kyrie …….... (*see Missa de Angelis Music Supplement)*

Gloria in excelsis ..... (*Missa de Angelis)*

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Proper 27)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

The First Lesson ..... Amos 5:18-24

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light; as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned with his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*……..……Chant: W. Beal

Read responsively at the 4:30 pm & 8:00 am Mass

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me * make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame: * that cry over me, There, there.

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God. .

Thou art my helper and my redeemer: * O Lord, make no long tarrying.

The Epistle ..... 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A reading from the first letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse .....*Mode VI*

Alleluia. Alleluia. When Israel came out of Egypt and the house of Jacob from among the strange people . Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 462 "The Lord will come, and not be slow"…..……. *York*

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 25:1-13

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

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The people are seated

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

The people standing

The Nicene Creed .....BCP 327

The Prayers of the People: ..... Form III

The leader and people pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

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

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

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

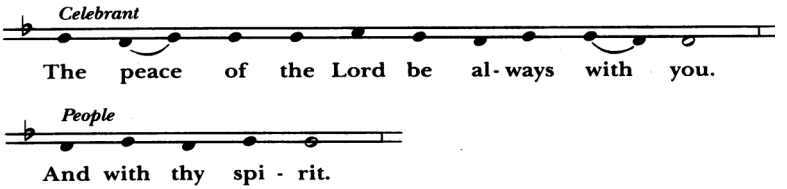
The People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people kneeling

The Confession of Sin.....BCP 330

The Peace

All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

the people standing

Offertory Sentence……...*Tone II*

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job: perfect and upright. And one that feared God. And Satan sought to tempt him: and power was given him by the Lord over his possessions, and over his flesh. And he destroyed all his substance and his sons: and he smote his flesh with sore boils

the people sitting

Offertory Anthem
"Sleepers, wake! From "St. Paul""……..…….. Feliz Mendlessohn (1809-1847)

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling,
It is the watchman on the walls:
Thou City of Jerusalem!
For lo! the Bridegroom comes!
Arise, and take your lamps!
Hallelujah!
Awake! His kingdom is at hand!
Go forth, go forth to meet your Lord!

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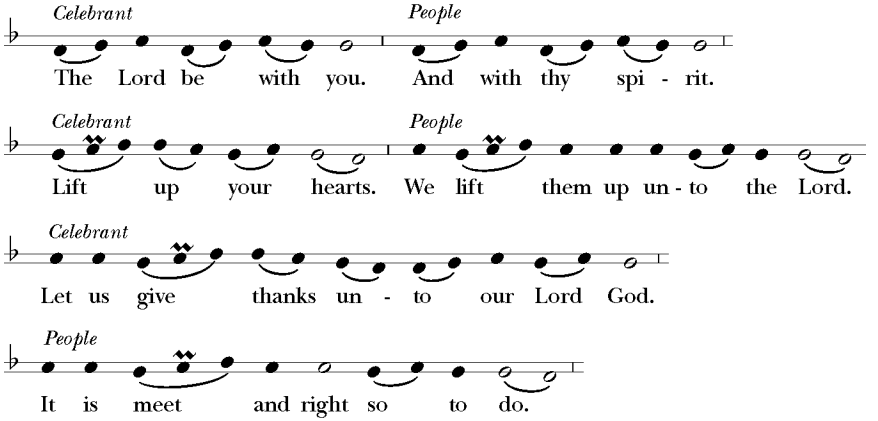
Offertory Hymn 53 "Once he came in blessing"……..…….*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I…….BCP 333



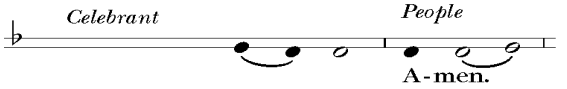
Sursum corda ..... S112 Hymnal



Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit .....(*Missa de Angelis)*

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

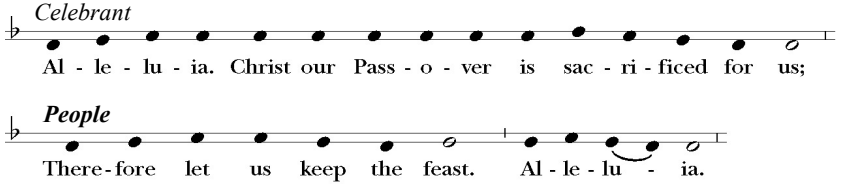
The Great Amen……..……S118 Hymnal



The Lord's Prayer ……..…….S119 Hymnal

The people kneeling.

Fraction



Agnus Dei…….……(*Missa de Angelis)*

Prayer of Humble Access……..BCP 337

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Invitation to Communion ……..……..BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People

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Communion Sentence…….....*Tone I*

My soul hath longed for thy salvation; and I have a god hope in thy word: when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me? They persecute me falsely: O be thou my help, O Lord my God.

Communion Motet *"*Expectans Expectavi"…….…….….Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This sanctuary of my soul,
Unwitting I keep bright and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands,
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
to Thy great service dedicate.
My soul, keep white, and whole.

Communion Hymn 393 "Praise our great and gracious God" …….…….……*Maoz Zur*

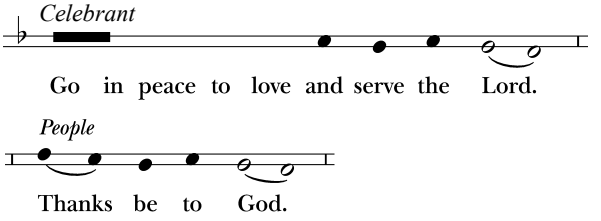
the people kneeling

Post Communion Prayer ……..……... BCP 339

The Blessing……..…...…...……BCP 339

The people standing

The Dismissal ……..……S 174 Hymnal



Processional Hymn 68 "Rejoice, rejoice Believers"……*Llangloggan*

Postlude: Improvisation

There will be Sunday School & Adult Forum today. Today's speaker at Adult Forum will be presenting on Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes.

Reminder for Christ Church Delegates

Convocation Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

St. Peters Church in Clarksboro

7:00 pm



Those Who Serve Today	**8:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Server & Chalice:** Ed Ferrell **Lector:** Maureen Carrigan **Ushers**: Mark Hendricks	**10:00 am** **Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale **Organist & Choirmaster:** Matthew Glandorf **Master of Ceremonies:** Steve Lewis **Crucifer:** Joey Lyden **1st Server**: Annabella Scales **2nd Server**: Thomas Piskun **Thurifer:** Sam Buck **Acolyte Master**: Robertta Shomo **Chalice Bearers:** Doreen Mills & Steve Lewis **Lector I & Intercessor:** Jim Bathurst **Lector II**: Mary Beth Bathurst **Ushers:** Charles Lewis & Steve Shomo **Childcare**: Jennifer Allbright **Vestry Lock up:** Steve Lewis **Notewriter**: Gwen Simpson **Food Bank:** Sue Velasquez **Vestry Counters:** Team 3: Steve Lewis, Roberta Shomo & Brandon Gorman **Coffee Hour Host:** Kim Henning & Marilyn McGeoch

Prayer List

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Nathaniel, Sidney, Paul, John, Wesley, Nancy, Aimee, Bill, Edward, Baby Mark, Baby Anderson, Khoury, Don, John, Luke, Baby Emily, Francine, Mary C., Luke, Averil, Phil, Jack, Terry, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Pat, Gwen, Joy, Stephen, Sandie, Shirley, Ella Beth, Becca, Barbara T, Joshua, Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téo and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: Omar, CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you

Upcoming Events

Monday *Feria*	November 9	6:00 PM	AA
Tuesday *Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461*	November 10	NOON 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	AA Meeting Convocation Meeting– St. Peters Church in Clarksboro GWCM Meeting – Presbyterian Church Woodbury AA Meeting
Wednesday *Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397*	November 11	**10:00 AM**	**Mass & Sacrament of Healing**
Thursday *Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836*	November 12	**6:30 PM** 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	**Mass** Vestry Meeting AA Meeting
Friday *Feria*	November 13	5:00 PM **5:30 PM**	Christmas Attic **Evening Prayer**
Saturday *Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1874* *Eve of the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*	November 14	9:00 AM **4:30 PM**	Christmas Attic **Vigil Mass**
Sunday *The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*	November 15	**8:00 AM** **10:00 AM**	**Mass** **Choral Mass**

Readings or November 15, 2026

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation

Christmas Attic

Our Christmas Attic is coming up on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, and we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to assist with checkout during the event. We need three teams of four volunteers: one team Friday evening & two teams on Saturday. Checkout volunteers will help with collecting price tags, totaling purchases, accepting payments, and wrapping and bagging items. We also need volunteers to help with cleanup on Sunday, November 15, following Adult Forum. Can you lend a hand? Scan the QR code to choose a volunteer shift.

Christmas Attic Cookie Sale



The Christmas Attic Cookie Sale sign-up sheet is on the Christmas Attic display table in the upper assembly room. Kim Wright is overseeing the cookie sale. If possible, please bake 6 dozen of one recipe, either traditional recipes or another favorite. Kim has prepared kits with the cellophane cookie bags, ties, and gift tags (see photo) You will find them in the upper assembly room and at the ushers' table in the back of the church. Take 1 kit per dozen cookies. The gift tags are for any information that you want to share about your recipe. The sign-up sheet will be available in the parish hall this Sunday, November 8th. You can text or call Kim-856-371-2839 or Doreen-267-476-5295 to sign up or ask questions. The cookies can be dropped off at church on November 11th and 12th from 10am-1pm or 5–8pm. You may also drop them off by 3pm on Friday, 11/13, before the sale begins at 5:00. Thank you for your participation in this parish fundraising event.

Christmas Attic Raffle



12 Piece Lenox Porcelain Nativity .
On display in the Parish Hall
6 Tickets / $5.00
Ticket Sale Begins on November 8th

GWCM Special Collection

Tom Turkey Has a Tail!

Our hearts and table runneth over.

Thank you all for your generous donations to GWCM's Thanksgiving "fixens" collection.



There was so much food we couldn't do a final pound count but there was definitely over 50 pounds!



Pack a Shoebox!

National Collection Week

Nov. 16–23

SamaritansPurse.org/OCC

Shoe Boxes can be picked up during Adult Forum in the Parish Hall.

GWCM Christmas Hygiene Bags

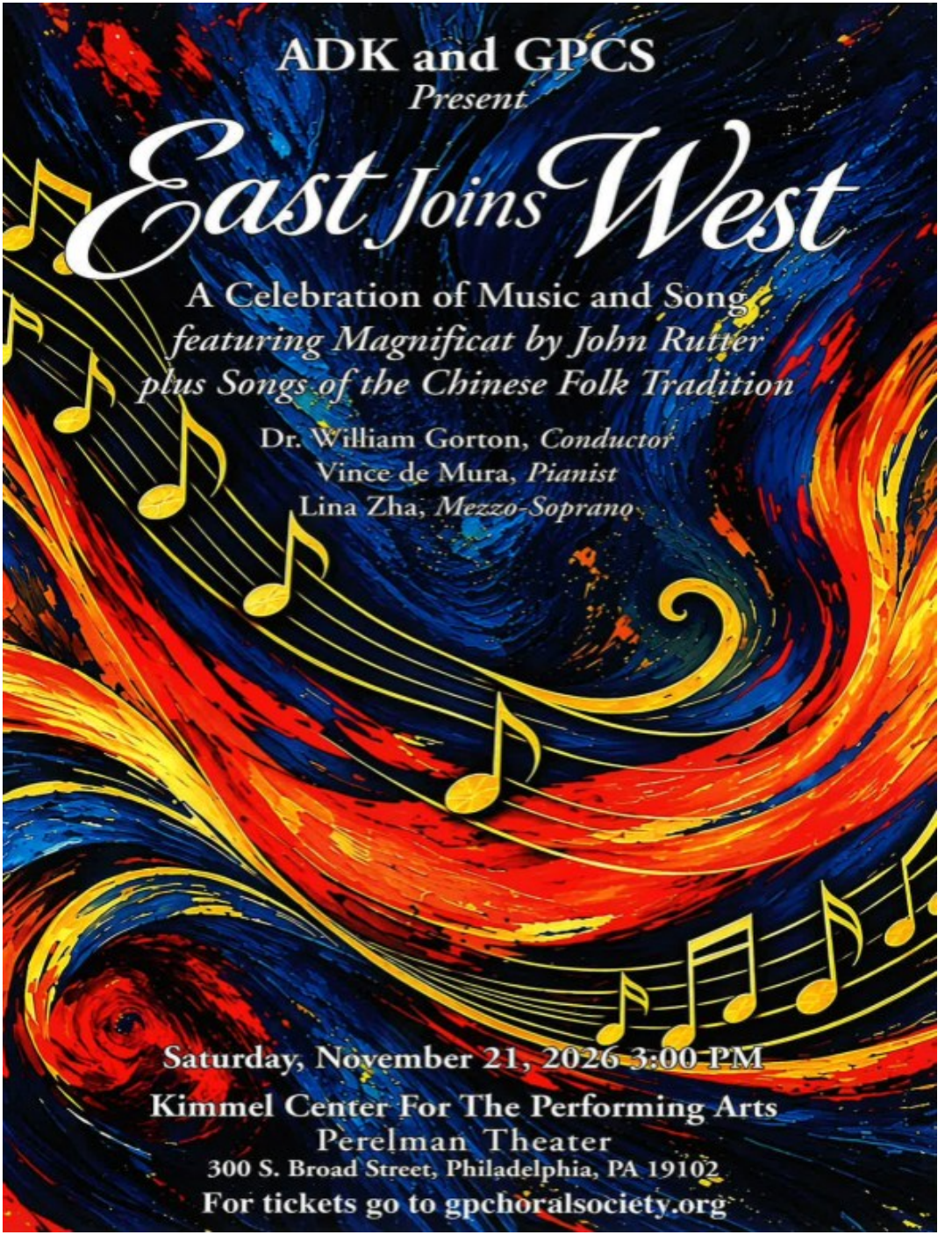
(For those who want to get started collecting)

This year GWCM will again be giving each family a hygiene bag for Christmas. I volunteered our Christ Church Family to turn in 50 bags. Last year, one Christ Church family assembled these after their Thanksgiving Dinner! What a great idea! I know we can do this!

Each bag will be a gallon zipper bag that includes:
soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, and dental floss. (No mouthwash please).

We are hoping each Christ Church family will be able to contribute a bag or two. If your children need service hours this is a great project for them to work on – we can give them a service hours receipt.
This collection will start Sunday, Nov. 8th and end on Sunday, Dec 13th.

For more information about GWCM visit **gwcm.org**


ADK and GPCS
Present
East Joins West
A Celebration of Music and Song
featuring Magnificat by John Rutter
plus Songs of the Chinese Folk Tradition
Dr. William Gorton, Conductor
Vince de Mura, Pianist
Lina Zha, Mezzo-Soprano
Saturday, November 21, 2026 3:00 PM
Kimmel Center For The Performing Arts
Perelman Theater
300 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
For tickets go to gpchoralsociety.org

Stewardship Sunday

With grateful hearts we want to thank you for your participation in our Stewardship Campaign for 2027. From our parish family tree at Homecoming to our Gratitude tree, to those who have given their time and talents and shared their faith journey, to all who participated in Sunday's presentation of pledge cards and the gratitude luncheon, thank you! Sunday, November 1st was a joyous day!

There is still time to turn in a pledge. The budget committee will be meeting soon and it is important to have the pledges in as they prepare the 2027 budget for the parish. We look forward to another year to share our love of Christ within and outside our beautiful doors.

Doreen Mills, Stewardship Chair
Jim Bathurst, Co Chair

What's The Buzz About?

The ECW at Christ Church meets the third(3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Episcopal Church Women

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

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PRAYER
STUDY
SERVICE

The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm, they are on a break for the summer and meetings will resume in September. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.



Parish Office Business Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am -3:00 pm
Email: parishadministrator@christchurchwoodbury.org
Phone: (856) 845-0190

The Office will be closed on Monday, November 9, 2026

The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale.

Rector

Fr. Lawrence Civale
Email: frcivale@christchurchwoodbury.org
Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.
Father Civale observes Tuesdays as his Sabbath.



Adopt-a-Project: Caring for Our Parish Home

We continue to ask that you consider contributing to the Fund which will be used to address our facility and grounds needs. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Just use the white envelopes in the pews and write in Adopt-a Project. The projects that we would like to complete are the shades in the Sunday School wing, repairing of the rear property gate, improving the walkway from the Rectory to the Church and the replacement of the utility shed. Thank you for helping us maintain our property.

Nominations

Are you interested in pursuing a position of service and leadership in our parish?

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact any member of the nominating committee: Sarah Cranston, Frank Gwalthney, Susan Novalsky and Cheryl Rheiner.

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Service Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass (Except Summer)
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Organist & Choirmaster

Matthew Glandorf

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Doreen Mills
AnnaLisa Rodano

