



News from Christ Church January 12, 2022

Dear friends,

Confirmation classes began this week as a hearty group trekked their way through the drizzle of freezing rain to church to learn about this tiny corner of Christendom we call home. We'll continue meeting for the next five weeks, exploring the history of Christianity, the evolution of the church, our faith and beliefs -- all to prepare for the very rigorous quiz from our visiting bishop before he consents to confirm folks.*

But it's that first discussion where we hear each other's stories about what makes each of us want to call Christ Church "home" that I love. Every story is unique in how they came here -- some grew up here, some started on our livestream over Covid-tide, some were invited by friends, some had a mystical experience that drew them to seek out a local Episcopal church.

There are, however, common threads in what kept them here. Folks name reverent worship, beautiful music, a welcome of children, the various ministries that make up the heart of this place. But most of all, folks name personal connection. Everyone felt the warm welcome of this community. They felt as though they had a place of their own here.

I have a quote from Mother Theresa on my fridge that reads, "Speak tenderly to them. Let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting. Don't only give your care, but give your heart as well."

It sounds like this is exactly what our potential confirmands have experienced here. So, friends, you've already done so much to support these folks in their lives as Christians and Episcopalians. I ask your prayers as the group continues to discern God's work in the past and present of our church, and in their own lives. And do mark your calendars for a celebration of this good work on February 20th.

faithfully,
Amber

*okay, there's no quiz. But don't tell our confirmands.

Confirmation classes

Sundays at 10:10 a.m.

In preparation for our bishop's visit on Sunday, February 20, Amber will lead a six-week class for anyone who is interested in being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in our tradition. [Please RSVP if you plan to attend.](#)

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 30, 12:15 p.m.

The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, following the 11:00 a.m. service. We'll discuss the past year, discuss the budget for 2022, elect our new vestry members, and dispense with other business as required.

Coffee Hour and Sunday School

Coffee hour and Sunday school will resume Sunday, January 30. Please sign up to host coffee hour on the clipboard in the parish hall or email office@christchurch.org

Community Breakfast

Because of the high number of COVID cases and its effect on our volunteers, there will be no Saturday breakfast until further notice. We'll be watching the numbers and will return as soon as possible.

Book club

January 19 at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

All are welcome to join our discussion of *The Long Loneliness*, the autobiography of Dorothy Day.

Evening prayer on Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

[Click here for link.](#) If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott.](#)

2022 Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2022 are available for pick-up outside the Parish Office. If you do not see your envelopes, please call the office at 845-986-3440 or email office@christchurch.org.



Sunday service guidelines

Communion is served in one kind, bread only. As always, receiving communion is optional to the person. Masks are required. Please be mindful of your distance from others in the pew. The 9:00 a.m. service is live-streamed to the parish hall for those who would like to remain masked and distanced; alert an usher to have the priest bring communion to the room.

Vestry: Matthew Mumford, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus,
Charlotte Trott, Diana Van Fossen, Louise Schultz (Treasurer)

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Sundays at Christ Church

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person and
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour

10:10 a.m. - Sunday school for kids & youth

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person



Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!