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THE OPPORTUNITY OF LENT

This is the time of year when I am eager to get outside and start digging in the garden. Having spent time over the winter looking at seed catalogs and imagining what I'd like to plant, the time is fast approaching when they can be put into the ground. Now is the time to prepare the soil. I know full well that all the imagining or planning on paper for a beautiful garden will do nothing to make the garden happen if I don't get to work. I have to actually get out there and prepare the soil, plant the seeds or plants, and water them in, before I can begin to see the fruit of my labor. Then having done the work (and continuing to tend it) I will enjoy the beauty of the garden.

Richard FOster in his book, Celebration of Discipline, looks at this image of the farmer (or gardener) used often by Jesus and again by Paul in Gal. 6:8. Even though it is God who provides the growth, the

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Growing by God's Grace as a Family of Faith, Fellowship & Ministry

THE OPPORTUNITY OF LENT (*cont.*)

farmer provides the right conditions for growing grain by cultivating the soil, planting the seed, and watering the plants. “This is the way it is with the Spiritual Disciplines--they are a way of sowing to the Spirit. The Disciplines are God’s way of getting us into the ground; they put us where he can work within us and transform us....They are God’s means of grace...the means by which we place ourselves where he can bless us.”

One of the gifts of our Episcopal way of practicing the Christian faith is the rhythm of the year following after the events of the life of Jesus. These seasons encourage us to practice a pattern of spiritual disciplines that include times of fasting (or some other observance of the penitential season) and times of celebration, with prayer, meditation, study, and worship interwoven throughout all seasons. The season of Lent is a time of being more intentional about the spiritual disciplines so that we might go deeper in our spiritual journey-- not only to come back into the shallows when we get to Easter but to increase the blessings and joy of Easter because the work of Lent has produced in us a more fruitful harvest. The 40 days of Lent are, by the grace of God, a long enough period of time to develop a habit (or break the hold of bad habits on us) but a short enough time not to be overwhelmed by the prospect of taking on a new discipline. By the time we have reached the end of Lent it has become second nature.

During the season of Lent in the 10:00 adult Sunday school hour we will be learning about the practice of the spiritual disciplines. We will be studying respectively: Prayer and Meditation (March 10th), Confession (March 17th), Fasting (March 24th), Simplicity (March 31st), Service (April 7th), Worship and Celebration (April 14th). Saturday March 16th we will be holding a Lenten Quiet Day at the Church. Zac will be leading a day of prayer and meditation to give you an opportunity to put into practice what we will only have time to discuss during the Sunday school hour. It is our hope to encourage you to “take on” a spiritual discipline that is a new (or more intentional) addition for you for your Lenten discipline this year. (It is not to overwhelm you with the expectation of taking them all on at once!) Just as we can’t wish a garden into being, we can put ourselves into the place of receiving the gift of a holy Lent by practicing any of these spiritual disciplines to enrich our spiritual lives and sharpen our “Inner ear” to hear the voice of God who says to us, “This is the way, walk in it.” Psalm 42:7 which reads, “Deep calls to deep.” reminds us that the Lord longs to speak into our hearts but we need to take the time to listen for his voice. I encourage you to sharpen your hearing this Lent by seeking to listen more intently

to the voice of the Lord through the development of the ancient practices of the spiritual disciplines. For I do indeed wish you a holy and blessed Lent.

With Love, the Rev. Cynthia Knapp



Rev. Cynthia C. Knapp
Rector



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6

7 AM, 12 PM, & 6 PM

7 AM & 12 PM:

These two services are spoken and include Holy Eucharist: Rite I.

6 PM:

This service will feature anthems and hymns for the occasion, provided by the Christ Church Choir. Holy Eucharist using Rite I will be administered.

Childcare will be provided at the 6 PM service.

All services are held in the Nave of Christ Church.

“A time of being more intentional about the spiritual disciplines so that we might go deeper in our spiritual journey **”**

CLOISTER SHOP

Lynn Waggoner & Elizabeth Benjamin, Shopkeepers | cloistershop@christchurchmacon.com

The Cloister Shop has survived its infancy, and is toddling into the new year with optimism. We hope to increase its presence within the downtown community as a Christian bookstore, and art venue for parishioners of Christ Church, and members of the Macon Convocation.

Our hours have expanded for the months of January and February; beginning in March, we will experiment with opening the store to the public during weekdays, around lunchtime; and will continue with special programming and displays during the Cherry Blossom Festival.

To All Christ Church Parishioners: Your creativity is a valued and important part of this endeavor. We want your creations, whether literary, fine art, crafts, graphic arts, woodworking, needlework, calligraphy –the list is endless. We might have to draw the line at large sculpture, but even that could be accommodated!

From your dedicated shopkeepers, Lynn & Elizabeth



Rev. Zachary Neubauer
Associate Rector

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

The sound of silence. Do we even know what silence sounds like anymore? The discipline of silence has been practiced by the Church in many different ways, perhaps most famously by those in religious communities who took a vow of silence. Just as going far away from city lights allows us to better see the stars, practicing the discipline of silence helps us to better hear from God.

To this end, I would invite you to participate in a Lenten quiet day on March 16th here at the church. The day will consist of two sessions, one from 8:30-Noon and the second from 1-4. You are welcome to attend either or both sessions. A light lunch will be provided if you RSVP with the office. Please see me for more details.

Rev. Zac Neubauer

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 7:15am | The Cloister Room

All men of Christ Church are welcome and invited to attend.

Early Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 9:30am | The Cloister Room

This study for women will begin looking at the Book of Esther using a resource by author Beth Moore.

Wise Women Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 10:45am | The Parlor

We continue to study the gospel of Luke on Wednesdays from 10:45- 11:45. This group meets in the parlor in the Parish House.

Practice of the Spiritual Disciplines

Sundays @ 10am | The Cloister Room

During the season of Lent, in adult Sunday school, we will be learning about the practice of the spiritual disciplines. We will be studying respectively: Prayer and Meditation (March 10th), Confession (March 17th), Fasting (March 24th), Simplicity (March 31st), Service (April 7th), Worship and Celebration (April 14th).

Gift of Gab Bible Study

All women of the parish are invited to attend. This study focuses on discussion of topics and applying faith to our daily lives .

Thursday, March 7 @ 5:30pm | 2649 Stanislaus Circle

Barbara Jenkins is hosting.

Thursday, March 21 @ 5:30pm | 4954 Guerry Drive

Rebecca Grist is hosting.

New Bible Study on the Book of Micah

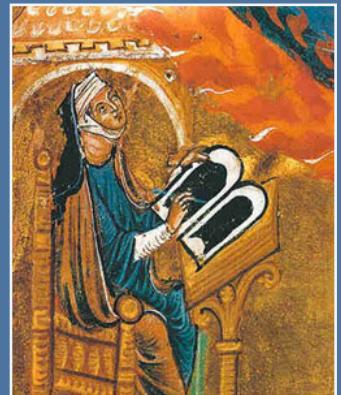
Begins Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30pm | 139 Country Club Rd

Political scandal is a daily affair. While many are prospering, there seems to be great inequality and heartache among the poor and disenfranchised. The darkness of sin seems rampant in our society, and for many, hope seems like a distant memory. Does this sound like what you may have been reading, living, or watching? It actually forms the backdrop to the Old Testament book of Micah of which a new study starts soon. All are welcome to this new study.

MYSTICISM IN MUSIC: *power to excite the soul*

Wednesdays @ 5:30pm, March 13—April 10

This five-week lecture series focuses on composers whose Christian mysticism was a principal motive in their compositional style. Mysticism is to experience union with God as happening over time, bit by bit through a journey aided by spiritual discipline and prayer. Music can often be the aid, or medium, whereby we are transformed. I invite you to travel with me on this musical journey to achieve spiritual ecstasy. Resources used for this series are drawn from works by notable authors Evelyn Underhill, Thomas Troeger, and Mellick Belshaw. The composers featured are Hildegard von Bingen, Palestrina, John Tavener, Arvo Pärt, Henryk Górecki, and Olivier Messiaen.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Helen Stewart, Coordinator



Looking Ahead

- Sunday, March 03 — Regular Schedule
- Sunday, March 10 — Instructed Eucharist (*see below*)
- Sunday, March 17 — Regular Schedule
- Sunday, March 24 — No Sunday School for 2 year–5th grade (*Childcare will be provided*)
- Sunday, March 31 — All classes will meet together in the downstairs Godly Play room.



Instructed Eucharist

Sunday, March 10 | 10am

Zac will be leading an instructed communion service, for 1st–5th graders in the church, where he will walk through the regular Sunday morning service in a hands-on way. Children will be able to ask questions and learn more about why we do things the way we do. Even though this will be geared towards children, all are welcome to attend. If you have the red Al-leluia! Amen book, please bring it with you. If not, additional copies will be available.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 | 10:15am

I need a chair and volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt which will be at 10:15 on Easter Sunday, April 21. You do not have to have children to help with this event. Please contact me at helenstewartgigi@gmail.com or 478-731-8971 to volunteer. We also need teenagers to hide eggs and to be the Easter bunny and chick.

You can start bringing filled plastic eggs for the hunt on March 31. We ask that parents bring 2 dozen eggs per child hunting. There will be baskets in the Parish House, the Parish Office and the Nave to collect them. We are happy to have eggs from anyone else who would like to contribute.





I am in the process of trying to get a spring retreat planned. I am navigating through the intense sports and school schedules that our youth have. I will get info out ASAP to the youth and their parents so be on the lookout.

EYC Sunday Schedule:

Sunday, March 3 | EYC at the Baxleys

- 5:00-6:00 pm: Middle School
- 6:00-6:30 pm: Dinner for Middle and High School
- 6:30-7:30 pm: High School

Sunday, March 10 | Matinée at the Movies!

- Amstar 16 on Zebulon Road
- Movie choice and time TBD.

Sunday, March 17 | EYC at the Baxleys

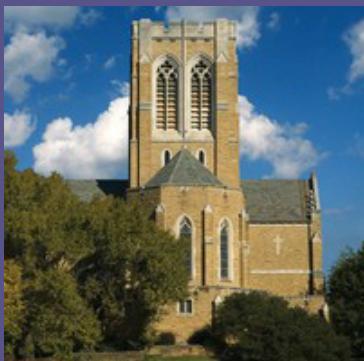
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- 6:00-6:30 pm: Dinner for Middle and High School
- 6:30-7:30 pm: High School

Sunday, March 24

- No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, March 31 | Bowling at Pinstrikes!

- Details TBD



DIOCESAN confirmation

Sunday, March 17 — 4 pm

On Sunday, March 17 at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Gracie Marie Peace and Anna Scott (Scotty) Kelly will be confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright.

The Cathedral of St. Philip
2744 Peachtree Rd NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

SKI TRIP RECAP!

Well good folks, we made it back safe and sound from our ski trip in Early February! The snow was artificial but the fun and bonding was absolutely genuine! We had 12 youth along with 3 adults travel to the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina, and 8 of those youth were in the sixth grade. Needless to say, energy abounded, particularly on the van ride up and down (speaking of which, many thanks Julie Groce and Appleton). One of my favorite comments was when one of the sixth grade boys said, "I thought the van ride was going to be long and boring, but this has been so awesome!" I still have yet to figure out this strange phenomenon but in my years of youth ministry, the van ride for a youth trip, no matter how long, seems to energize youth rather than slow them down, particularly when the thrill of stopping at a gas station occurs.

All that to say, even the long ride up and back was enjoyable for the youth. The trip was all just skiing, tubing, and snowballing though. On Saturday night, we had a Compline service with a devotion. It was refreshing and endearing to see the youth take this service seriously and with respect and reverence. I centered the devotion on Psalm 30:5, particularly the words..."Weeping may linger the night, but joy comes in the morning. I shared how life can throw some dark nights at us, full of fear, tears, and sadness. It's in those times, particularly for youth, that a strong youth group can make all the difference as wait for the morning and joy to come. This trip served as good foundation for this group of outstanding young people to become that strong and committed youth group, family, and community. I'm already chomping at the bits for another big trip with these youth!

I will close this portion of my article with words of gratitude for my two other adult chaperones: Jonathan Poe and Kate Long. Jonathan, as usual, was outstanding! One youth said this to me shortly after the trip, "Jonathan was hilarious and awesome!" We picked up Kate in Athens on the way, and she was an absolute asset on this trip. I can tell from my brief time with her on that trip that she is a gifted educator and a devoted mentor for young people to look up to. Many thanks Kate and Jonathan! Let's go on another trip soon!

Passport 2019 Note:

We have a good group signed up to attend our summer mission trip to Passport Mission Camp in Greenville, SC July 15-20. While the deadline has passed to reserve a spot.....PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don't let that stop your youth from trying to go. I can always contact Passport and see if spots are available so just let me know if your youth may still want to go!

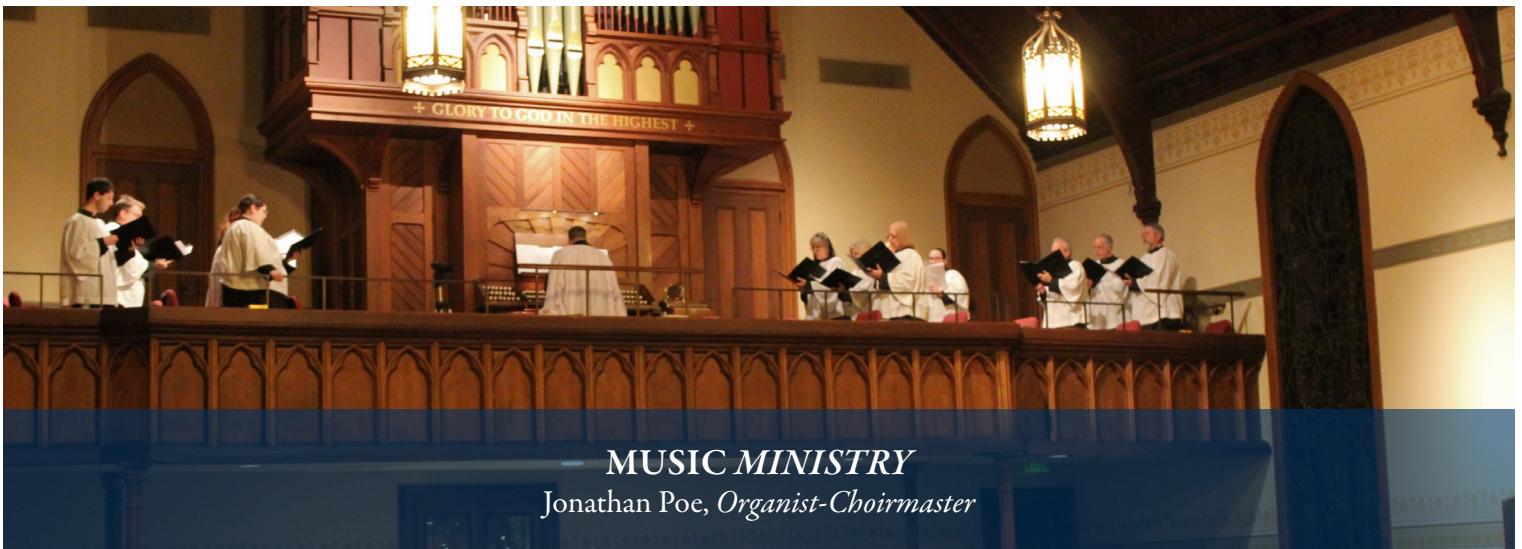


PASSPORT *missions*: Youth camping with a mission

In a world that seems to be telling us to fear more and love others less, Jesus calls us to an alternative way of living. Our lives can be radically changed as we notice God at work around us, continue to grow our faith, gather our strength from God, and let love permeate all that we do. Using 1

Corinthians 16:13–14 as a theme verse and the outline for the week, campers will be challenged as they dig into this passage (and others) to explore what Paul meant when he called us all to live a faith that is based in love, not in fear. When we are FEARLESS we can LOVE MORE and FEAR LESS.





CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir invites you to our next monthly Evensong on **March 3 at 5pm** in the Nave. These services are free and open to the public. Evensong is a time-honored liturgy and a perfect way to welcome the close of day. The Canticles, Anthems, Psalms, and Hymns will be chosen using the Daily Office readings. We hope you'll join us!

THANK YOU!

I would like to extend my appreciation and thankfulness to all those who support our Music Ministry here at Christ Church. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful place. I especially want to thank the members of the Christ Church Choir. They work tirelessly with grateful hearts and dedication to enhance our worship every week of the year. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Choristers and their parents. Thank you for allowing me to share the gift of music with these precious angels.



Alan Morrison, organ

Sunday, March 24 — 4 pm | Free Admission
First Baptist Church of Christ
511 High Place, Macon

Join us for the inaugural recital of the newly installed A.E. Schlueter organ, given in honor of Joan S. Godsey..

"Renowned as a distinguished recitalist, soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and teacher, Atlanta native Alan Morrison commands "an unforced virtuosity...his strengths are clarity, poetry, precision and coloristic sensitivity" (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution)."

In 2002, Mr. Morrison was appointed head of the organ department at the world renowned conservatory in Philadelphia, The Curtis Institute of Music, where he holds the Haas Charitable Trust Chair in Organ Studies. He also serves on the faculty of Westminster Choir College of Rider University and has served as College Organist at Ursinus College. Most recently he was appointed Organist-in-Residence at Spivey Hall where he holds the McGheehee Family Organist Residency.

Kipp Gill, organ

Tuesday, March 26 — 6 pm

Kipp is a graduate student at Mercer University and Organist-Choirmaster at All Saint's Episcopal in the Warner Robins. He will be giving his graduate degree recital here at Christ Church on Tuesday, March 26. Kipp is a phenomenal musician and will be showcasing the many colors of our wonderful Fisk organ. This concert is free and all are welcome to attend.



THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREWS OF
CHRIST CHURCH MACON PRESENTS:

Mardi Gras Party!

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6-8:30 PM IN THE GREAT HALL
\$25/CHILDREN FREE

Low Country Boil! Live music! Silent Auction! Wine Raffle!

Ministry of the Month: *Weekend Lunch*



Since the mid-1990's, the Weekend Lunch Program at Christ Church has provided hot meals for the homeless and hungry and less fortunate in downtown Macon on every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. This ministry takes place in Christ Church's Jones Chapel located at the corner of Walnut and 2nd Street. Each weekend, over three hundred meals are served, providing nourishment to an average of 1,300 people monthly.

The Weekend Lunch Program serves all people who come for lunch, no questions asked. Since Jesus tells us that when we serve the poor and hungry, we serve him (Matthew 25). Our homeless are valued guests. We offer nutritious meals as well as a safe and enjoyable space where laughter is often heard.

We currently have many invested program partners, including churches from different denominations: Christ Church Episcopal (Hal Brickle), 1st Baptist Church of Christ (Dan Riley) with New Heights Baptist Church (Nancy Greene), St Peter Claver (Juan & Claudia Bravo) and St Joseph (Lea Owens) Catholic Churches, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Emily & Joe Oldham), St Francis Episcopal Church (Joseph Whidby), High Street Unitarian Universalist Church (Carol Lucas), St Paul's Episcopal Church (Dr Hillary Ellwood) with Beulahland Bible Church (Will Thurman), and individually inspired groups, the Baker's Delight Team (Charla Baker) & Middle Georgia Martial Arts (Aaron Cannon) with Martha Bowen (Denise Lester)!

Each weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, a team of 8 - 10 (more the merrier) volunteers come to cook the food, serve the guests, and clean up after the meal. These volunteer teams arrive at Christ Church at 10:00 a.m. to prepare the space and begin cooking. At noon, guests are welcomed into the chapel and served the day's meal. From 1:00 until 1:30, teams clean up after the meal and close up the chapel. Many of these teams find Weekend Lunch to be such an important spiritual practice that they sign up for multiple weekends year after year. Our Ministry is always looking for additional volunteers and support. If you're unable to serve the entire day, short shifts of 2 hours are available; 10:00am to 11:00 and 11:30 to 1:00.

Christ Episcopal Church's OutReach Ministry provides funding for food, supplies, security and kitchen maintenance. Many teams provide extra items that complement and add the finishing touches to their meals. Many team's sponsoring organizations provide additional funds. Each year a seminar is held where team leaders receive more information on 'ServSafe' and operating procedures when cooking for large groups. *Christ Church's next weekend to serve is May 4th & 5th!* If you are interested in participating in this Community OutReach Ministry for feeding the hungry, please contact Hal Brickle.

Hal Brickle, *Program Director*
outreach@christchurchmacon.com
(478) 207-4455

Heating & Air Conditioning Update

Greene Heating and Air will be installing a new HVAC system for the nave during the month of March sometime after Ash Wednesday. We have been assured by David Greene that we will not have to vacate the nave during the replacement process, with the understanding that we will not have heat or air (except for the organ system) during this process. This means we will have worship services as usual without interruptions. On March 24th, Christ Church will host the official Cherry Blossom worship service, so please don't miss that special day.

The HVAC work will be staged in the rear courtyard, and Greene will cordon off the equipment area so that people can still use the garden entrance into our buildings. We will need to limit parking in the alley so that Greene trucks can access the courtyard, and the gates will remain open during their workday. Please do understand, however, that there may be noise during the Wednesday noon services, as they are working below the nave floor, and there will be noise during the Wednesday Bible Study in the Cloister Room. That cannot be avoided if we are to finish this work quickly. Any changes in those program locations should be noted accordingly. If the weather turns either cooler or warmer than expected during this period in March, please remember to dress accordingly. We thank everyone in advance for your cooperation.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 2019

Mar 3: Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule

Mar 3: Choral Evensong
5pm | Nave

Mar 5: An Evening on Bourbon Street
6pm | Great Hall

Mar 6: Wednesday Studies
No Men's Bible Study

Mar 6: Ash Wednesday Services
7am, 12pm, & 6pm | Nave

Mar 7: Gift of Gab
5:30pm | 2649 Stanislaus Circle

Mar 7: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Mar 8: Vestry Dinner
7pm | 619 Orange Street

Mar 9: Vestry Retreat
Middle Georgia State University

Mar 9: Lenten Quiet Day: Order of the Daughters of the King
9:30-12 | St. Francis Episcopal (*432 Forest Hill Road*)

Mar 10: First Sunday in Lent
Regular Sunday Schedule

Mar 10: Instructed Eucharist
10am | Church

Mar 10: EYC @ the Movies
Afternoon | Amstar 16 on Zebulon Road

Mar 13: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Mar 13: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Mar 13: Grief Recovery Group
5:30pm | Parlor

Mar 13: Private Screening of *The Pilgrim's Promise*
6pm | Great Hall

Mar 13: Mysticism in Music: power to excite the soul
6pm | Cloister Room

Mar 14: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Mar 16: Lenten Quiet Day
8:30-4pm | Parish House

Mar 17: Second Sunday in Lent
Regular Sunday Schedule

Mar 18: Outreach Committee Meeting
5:30pm | Cloister Room

Mar 20: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Mar 20: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Mar 20: New Bible Study on the Book of Micah
6:30pm | 139 Country Club Road

Mar 20: Mysticism in Music: power to excite the soul
6pm | Great Hall

Mar 21: Holy Eucharist
10am | Carlyle Place

Mar 21: Gift of Gab
5:30pm | 4954 Guerry Drive

Mar 21: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Mar 24: Third Sunday in Lent
Regular Sunday Schedule (*Cherry Blossom*)

Mar 26: Vestry Meeting
5:15pm | Cloister Room "All are Welcome"

Mar 26: Kipp Gill, organ
6pm | Nave

Mar 27: Wednesday Studies
Normal Schedule

Mar 27: Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:05pm | Nave

Mar 27: Grief Recovery Group
5:30pm | Parlor

Mar 13: Mysticism in Music: power to excite the soul
6pm | Great Hall

Mar 28: Christ Church Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm | Nave

Mar 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent
Regular Sunday Schedule



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday

9AM – 4PM

(closed 12–1 for lunch)

Friday: Office Closed



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SAVE the DATE

An Evening on Bourbon Street
Tuesday, March 5 | 6 pm

This year's Mardi Gras Celebration will feature our traditional Low Country Boil & the musical talents of the Southern Gentleman's Dixieland Band. This is a party you won't want to miss.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!