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About Christ Church

Christ Church is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Atlanta. We are a vibrant parish in the heart of downtown Macon, Georgia. Founded in 1825, Christ Church is the oldest church in Macon and the Mother Church of the Diocese of Atlanta. Last year, we observed the Bicentennial of our founding in a yearlong celebration. We are grateful for all those from around Macon and Middle Georgia and the Diocese of Atlanta we joined us during our celebration. We are a loving place where all are welcome and we invite anyone interested in becoming part of our family to join us in building the next two hundred years at Christ Church.

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The Rev. Cynthia Knapp
Rector

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Teaching God's love to children

Last week I attended an OSL (Order of Saint Luke) healing conference. One of the speakers was Geralynn Wright Gardner, an educator who specializes in working with children who are struggling with difficult emotions. In demonstrating to us some of the creative methods she uses to help bring out what may be troubling a child, helping them to open up about their feelings and what the root causes might be, it was evident that this healing of the inner child is important work for all ages.

The experiences of our childhood, particularly those in the first 6 years of our development, lay the foundation for how we respond to people and events

throughout our lives. What we are thinking and feeling in those early years shape the filter through which we experience and understand life events and relationships. Sometimes this is shaped by our general upbringing and sometimes it is impacted by a particular trauma or event that happened during this time. Sometimes these experiences are on replay in our mind and sometimes they have been too traumatic to remember and are buried in our subconscious mind. Often a child will misperceive something that happened as being somehow their own fault when it was entirely outside of their control. These early feelings and experiences can cause them/us to replace the truth of who we are in and to God with a lie.

God's word speaks the truth about who we are into our hearts. When we open our hearts to God and to the truth of His Word, those deep-seated lies can be rooted out like a rototiller digs out those stubborn deeply rooted weeds that can be so relentless. As adults, when we love the children in our care with God's unconditional love, helping them to identify where any negative behavior is coming from rather than simply rejecting that part of them, we help them to grow into the wholeness the Lord intends for them to know.

The holidays, as wonderful as they are, can be times when we put undue pressure on ourselves and our loved ones to accomplish certain things and behave a certain way so we can have the "perfect" holiday season. Yet Jesus came into a very messy world in far from perfect circumstances to bring us to the full knowledge of God's love for us. His perfect, complete, unconditional, unfailing love. He loves the whole of us, not just the good parts; and he enters into the hurt and the dark places within us with his love and his light to bring healing and wholeness, not rejection, when we invite him in.

As you take stock of all that you are thankful for this Thanksgiving, remember to give thanks for his unconditional transforming love. Know that you are loved completely. He loves even those parts of you and of others in your life that are hard to love. It's a healing, life-giving, forgiving, grace-filled, merciful, transformative love that patiently, gently loves us into being able to receive the grace to be changed into his image so that we too can love others with that same kind of love. I am including a prayer for families from Geralyn Wright Gardner:

Prayer for Our Families

God, we are so thankful that you have blessed us with this new day. We thank you for the gift of life and for the many blessings You have given us. We are grateful that Your intent is for the best in all families!

Help us, God, to see each other with Your eyes. Help us to encourage individual gifts and talents that You have given to us to use for Your greater good in this world!

Teach us through Your Son, Jesus, how to love each other every day, being affectionate in our interactions, truthful in what we say and do, and forgiving when we struggle together!

Bring us together in the hopes and dreams for our families that we may walk together in Your plan for us and bring our best to You! Help us to trust Your Spirit when we can't always see the way forward.

And finally, God, may we look to You as the true Source for all we need—for life, for provision, and for growing in our relationship with You. Our hope is in You! You are a faithful God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Fall is here, and our Young Family and Children's programming is in full swing! Thank you to everyone who attended or helped make our All Hallows' Eve Service and Carnival a success! Sunday school continues to be a joyful experience for all, and we invite your kids to join us, even if it's their first time or they can't attend regularly. We'll welcome them with open arms!

The next week on our schedule is a Young Family Supper Club, hosted by Sam and Sarah Adams at their home on Saturday, November 15, 5-7pm. This is a casual event- just bring the kids and enjoy fellowship with each other!

A few weeks later on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30pm, we'll have our annual St. Nicholas celebration

with a brief service followed by dinner and visits with the man himself! We hope you can join us for the fun.

This year's Christmas Pageant directors, Elizabeth Schorr and Liz Hill, are assigning parts in preparation for costume distribution during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 6. If your child, grandchild, etc. will be in town on Christmas Eve and would like to be in the pageant, please email Rachel: Rachel@ChristChurchMacon.com. As in previous years, during this time we'll also kick off the Advent season by making Advent wreaths, so we hope you'll join us for the intergenerational Journey into Advent Sunday School whether your child is participating in the pageant or not.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 14

- Young Family Supper Club (5 pm) | Home of Sarah & Samuel Adams.

November 15

- Sunday Evening Family Friends-giving (5 pm) | Great Hall

November 29

- Journey into Advent (9:30 am) | Great Hall

December 2

- St. Nicholas Service (5:30 pm) | Jones Chapel & Great Hall

December 24

- Christmas Pageant (4:30 pm) | Church



Rachel Horkan
Director of Children's Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

What a fun October we have had with our Christ Church Youth! We dove into Acts 2-5 in Sunday School and we continued to meet for our fun Friday morning breakfasts. Our Sunday night EYC's have been so fruitful—we have used the Lorax to discuss creation care, learned about St. Francis, had a pumpkin decoration contest, and learned about AllHallowtide including “momento mori donuts”, plus lots and lots of games and laughs!

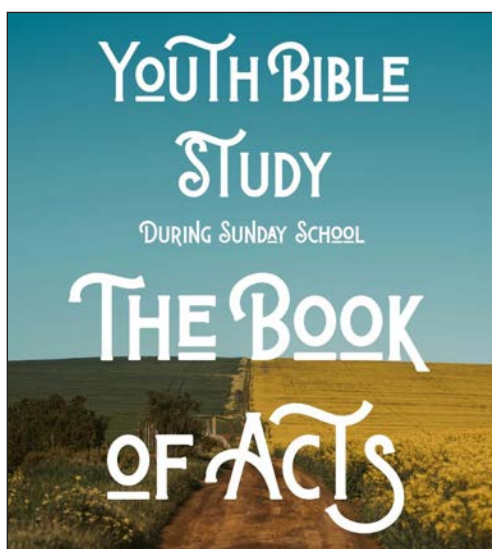
We are also planning to do a service project on November 8th where we make sock packs for Weekend Lunch. If you would like to donate socks, you can drop them off with Hope!

This month, we were able to host around 40 youth and youth leaders from around the diocese for an overnight leadership training. It was a really great opportunity

for people to come to the middle Georgia side of the diocese and enjoy our church!

We also had a group attend the Happening High School Retreat hosted at Camp Mikell. William Martin was selected as the Youth Rector for the weekend (a huge honor), Kathryn Sumrall served as the Head of Prayer Team, and Addison Henry came back for the weekend as a college student. It was a wonderful weekend of growing in faith and we hope that more high schoolers will attend in the spring!

Additionally, registration is officially open for our EYC Mountain Retreat the weekend of February 12th-15th! This memorable trip is open for all 6th-12th graders and we are also looking for adult chaperones. For more information, use the QR code below or reach out to Hope!



Hope Westervelt
Director of Youth Ministry

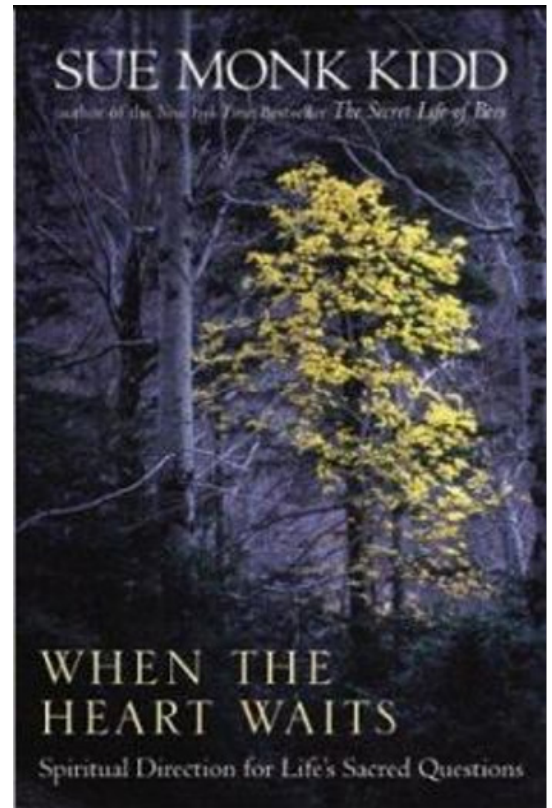
ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Advent Reading: *When the Heart Waits* by Sue Monk Kidd

Rediscovering a book that was a favorite in the past can be like reconnecting with an old friend. Remembering those pearls of wisdom that so resonated within me as I am strengthened and encouraged once again, now in such a different stage of life. Yet the words are every bit as relevant as they were when first I read them.

In a world where quick fixes and instant gratification seem to be the order of the day, times when we must wait upon the Lord for answers, for healing, for a favorable outcome to a search, or an answer to our prayers seem to be all the more difficult. Sue Monk Kidd calls us to find meaning and purpose in the waiting. In the knowledge that nothing is wasted by the Lord in our lives, God uses those in between times as times of working beneath the surface to craft in us something deeper, something more like the heart and Spirit of God within us as we trust Him through it. Like tilling the soil before planting a crop, mixing in those microbes so important to strong and healthy plants, God is sowing within us his presence, his Holy Spirit within, preparing us in that unseen part of us for whatever might lie ahead, and to shape us into the image of his Son Jesus Christ.

Even in this busy season of Advent, I invite you to journey with Sue Monk Kidd in this Spiritual discipline of waiting on the Lord. We wait with anticipation knowing that God loves us deeply, and that he longs to speak His love into our hearts as we quietly wait upon Him.



Newcomers Welcome Party





Restoring God's Ministry of Blessing

A Conference with the Rev. John Rice

Friday, February 26 — Saturday February 27, 2027

582 Walnut Street • Macon, Georgia



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Friday

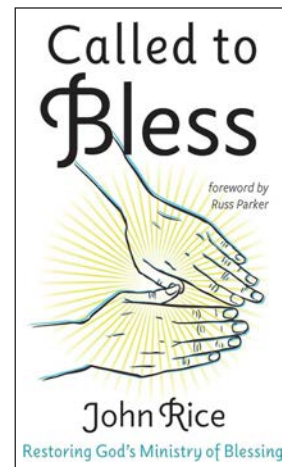
- 5:30 Registration begins.
- 6:00 Opening session begins.
- 8:00 Conclusion for the evening

Saturday

- 9:00 Opening worship & morning sessions begin
- 12:00 Lunchtime
- 1:00 Afternoon session begins
- 3:00 Afternoon session concludes
- 4:00 Healing service open to the public

Conference Registration:
\$35 per person

The Rev. John Rice is an Episcopal Priest in the diocese of Western North Carolina. Currently the Co-Director of the Blessing Place, he has a long history of healing ministry, which he has in more recent years expanded to include prayers of blessing. Author of the book, "Called to Bless: Restoring God's Ministry of Blessing." The Rev. Rice will be teaching on how the Lord directs us to pray God's blessing over his people in the ways they most need to be blessed.



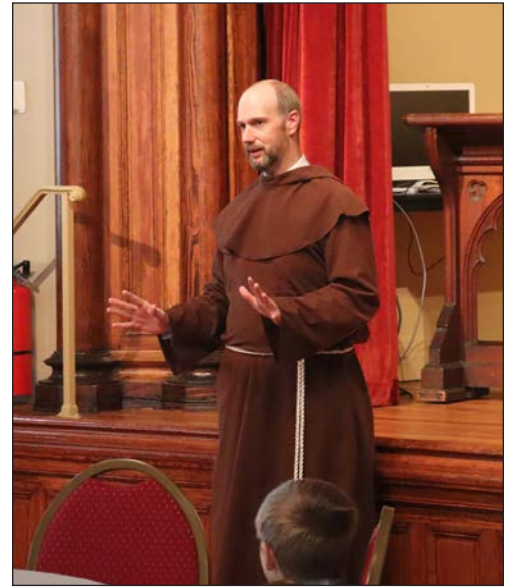
More information about the Conference and accommodations in the area is available on our website: <https://www.christchurchmacon.com/prayer-for-healing/>

The Blessing of the Animals





ST. FRANCIS DAY SERVICE PROJECT



All Hallows' Eve Carnival





Children's Choir Performance



Choral Evensong



NOVEMBER EVENTS

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 2026
8am & 10:30am



All Souls' Evensong

Sunday, November 1
6:30pm

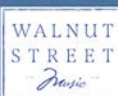


APOLLO 5

In Concert

Christ Church (Episcopal)
582 Walnut Street
Macon, Georgia 31201
Tuesday, November 3
7:30 PM

FREE • OPEN TO PUBLIC



Annual Stewardship Luncheon

Sunday, November 8
Following the 10:30a Service
In the Great Hall



Saturday,
November 14
5-7 pm

Hosted by
Sarah &
Samuel Adams

Sunday Evening Friends-giving

Bring a Thanksgiving
dish for a potluck
supper

Sunday, November 15
5:00 PM

Great Hall



Christ the King Sunday



November 22, 2026
8am & 10:30am



Journey into Advent

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday,
November 29, 2026
9:30 am
In the Great Hall



MUSIC MINISTRY

APOLLO.5



WSM Presents: Apollo5 in Concert
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | 7:30 PM

FREE! All are welcome!

If you are interested in learning more about this concert and ways to support them please contact Jonathan Poe (478) 200-1062.

"One-to-a-part performances of repertoire spanning nine centuries no less... an inspired programme, superbly sung throughout... exceptional cohesion and effortless style...faultless."

BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE

"exceptionally beautiful singing"

CLASSIC FM

"harmonious without the slightest concession to quality... the rapt listener would be hard put to find fault "

YORKSHIRE TIMES

"an unbroken spectrum, [creating] the illusion of larger forces"

CHOIR & ORGAN

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Solemn Choral Evensong

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

Join us for an evening service to honor those we've lost.



Mr. Jonathan Alan Poe, M.Mus
Director of Music & Liturgy
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He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him

In Jesus' thinking, it is humility that enables us to live the kind of significant life that will make the world a better place. Jesus teaches His disciples that, if we seek true greatness in His kingdom, then we must find that greatness – not by being first, but by being last. Not by seeking to be masters – but by being servants of all.



Jesus encourages us to be ambitious – but ambitious for opportunities that will enable us to serve others – and this makes good common sense. Jesus has gifted us with another perspective, another way of looking at life and people. Each person is valuable to God and we should understand that others are always worth serving, whether we like them or not, whether they are important or not, and whether we like it or not. Jesus spoke of the importance of a child, and seemed

to be saying, If anyone welcomes the poor, ordinary people, the people who have no influence and no wealth and no power, the people who need things done

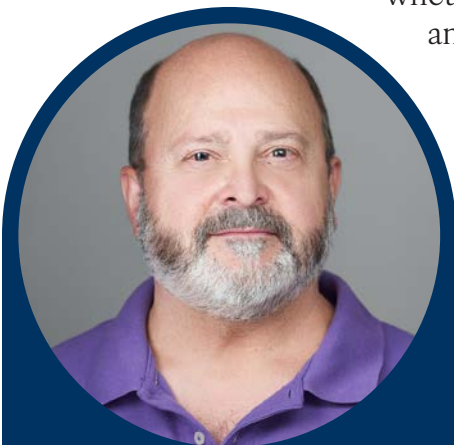


for them, he is welcoming me. He is welcoming God.

Who do we need to serve at this time? Who might we need to put ourselves out for – perhaps even make big sacrifices for – that we might in so doing welcome Jesus, welcome God into our lives, into our community, into our midst?

Weekend Lunch at Christ Church provides each of us opportunities in serving those least among us. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the many areas of making our ministry successful. If you, or someone you know, have an interest in providing basic needs to those less fortunate and hungry, contact Hal Brickle at 478-200-1066 or Director@WeekendLunch.org. For more information check out our website at WeekendLunch.org

**UPCOMING SERVICE DATES:
NOVEMBER 28th & DECEMBER 27th**



Weekend Lunch

Dr. Hal Brickle, *Executive Director*

director@weekendlunch.org (478) 200-1066

For the website, click: www.weekendlunch.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS November 2026

November 1 – November 7

Sunday, November 1: The Feast of All Saints

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House
 9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite
 9:30am | Adult Scripture Discussion | Cloister Room
 9:30am | Bishop's Podcast Discussion | Parlor
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 5:00pm | Parish Supper | Great Hall
 5:30pm | EYC | Youth Suite
 5:30pm | Knitting Group | Parlor
 5:30pm | Adult Discussion Group | Youth Classroom
 5:30pm | Alpha | Cloister Room
 5:30pm | Choir School of Macon | Parish House
 6:30pm | All Souls' Evensong | Church

Tuesday, November 3

5:30pm | Alpha Marriage Course | Great Hall
 7:30pm | APOLLO5 in Concert | Church

Wednesday, November 4

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor
 10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, November 5

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 6pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

Friday, November 6

Annual Diocesan Council | Cathedral of St. Philip

Saturday, November 7

Annual Diocesan Council | Cathedral of St. Philip
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

November 8 – November 14

Sunday, November 8: The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church

9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House
 9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite
 9:30am | Adult Scripture Discussion | Cloister Room
 9:30am | Bishop's Podcast Discussion | Parlor
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Stewardship Luncheon | Great Hall
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 5:00pm | Parish Supper | Great Hall
 5:30pm | EYC | Youth Suite
 5:30pm | Knitting Group | Parlor
 5:30pm | Adult Discussion Group | Youth Classroom
 5:30pm | Alpha | Cloister Room
 5:30pm | Choir School of Macon | Parish House
 6:30pm | Compline | Church

Wednesday, November 11

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor
 10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, November 12

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 6pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

Saturday, November 14

11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 5pm | Young Family Supper Club | Adams' Home

November 15 – November 21

Sunday, November 15: The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30am | Children's Sunday School | Parish House
 9:30am | Youth Sunday School | Youth Suite
 9:30am | Adult Scripture Discussion | Cloister Room
 9:30am | Bishop's Podcast Discussion | Parlor
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 5:00pm | Parish Supper | Great Hall
 5:30pm | EYC | Youth Suite

WEEKLY CALENDAR of EVENTS November 2026

5:30pm | Knitting Group | Parlor
 5:30pm | Adult Discussion Group | Youth Classroom
 5:30pm | Alpha | Cloister Room
 5:30pm | Choir School of Macon | Parish House
 6:30pm | Compline | Church

Monday, November 16

5:30pm | Outreach Committee | Davis Room

Tuesday, November 17

5:15pm | Vestry Meeting | Cloister Room
 6pm | Alpha Marriage Course | Great Hall

Wednesday, November 18

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor
 10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, November 19

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Carlyle Place
 6pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

Saturday, November 21

11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

November 22 – November 28

Sunday, November 22: The Feast of Christ the King

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30am | Christ Church Choir | Church
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

Tuesday, November 24

6pm | Alpha Marriage Course | Great Hall

Wednesday, November 25

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor
 10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 Parish Office Closes at Noon
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 28

11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel

November 29 – December 5

Sunday, November 29: The 1st Sunday of Advent

8am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 9:30am | Journey into Advent | Great Hall
 10:30am | Holy Eucharist | Church
 After 10:30 Service | Lemonade on the Lawn
 11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel
 5:00pm | Parish Supper | Great Hall
 5:30pm | EYC | Youth Suite
 5:30pm | DOK Knitting Class | Parlor
 5:30pm | Adult Discussion Group | Youth Classroom
 5:30pm | Alpha | Cloister Room
 5:30pm | Choir School of Macon | Parish House
 6:30pm | Compline | Church

Tuesday, December 1

6pm | Alpha Marriage Course | Great Hall

Wednesday, December 2

9am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor
 10:45am | Wise Women's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 12pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing | Church
 5:30pm | St. Nicholas Service | Jones Chapel
 8:45pm | Compline | Facebook

Thursday, December 3

7:10am | Men's Bible Study | Cloister Room
 6pm | Christ Church Choir | Choir Room

Saturday, December 5

11:30am | Weekend Lunch | Jones Chapel



PARISH NEWS

Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner

Our evening meal for Sunday Evenings at Christ Church on Sunday, November 15 will be a “Friendsgiving” Thanksgiving potluck! The church will provide turkey and everyone else is asked to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side or dessert. We will eat at 5:00 in the Great Hall as normal, then proceed with our usual Sunday evening activities. Scan the QR code for a sign up list so you can let us know what you are bringing. If you don’t have anything to bring, don’t worry! Just bring yourself.



The Service of Advent Lessons & Carols will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 PM. The city’s Christmas Parade is the same day at 4:00 and downtown roads may still be closed. Plan accordingly and avoid downtown. Approach the church from the north via Riverside Drive or the Interstate.

This year’s Diocesan Council will be held November 6 & 7 at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Please pray for all the attendees, especially the delegates from Christ Church:

**Ginny Butler
Maureen & Richard Hair
Jed Hill
Steve Welsh
Ray Ross (Youth Delegate)**

Journey into Advent

This year, the Advent Season begins on Sunday, November 29. We will be celebrating the beginning of this season of expectation and excitement (and the beginning of the Church year) with a special Sunday School hour for all ages in the Great Hall at 9:30 AM.

For children, we will be making Advent wreaths with candles to mark the four Sundays of Advent. We will also be assigning costumes for the Christmas Pageant. For adults, the Flower Guild will be doing a class on how to make a seasonal Advent centerpiece.

There will be some greenery available, however everyone is strongly encouraged to bring greenery from your own homes to use.

Help Us Plan Our Next Parish Retreat!

As we look ahead, Christ Church is exploring the possibility of hosting another Parish Retreat, and we would love your input! Our hope is to plan a retreat that reflects the interests, needs, and desires of our parish community. Please take a few moments to complete this brief poll. Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you! Your responses will help us gauge interest and determine what kind of retreat would be most meaningful and enjoyable for our parish family.

Scan the QR code to fill out the survey:



MINISTRY *of the* MONTH

Please pick an angel from the

Angel Tree

How to pick an "Angel"

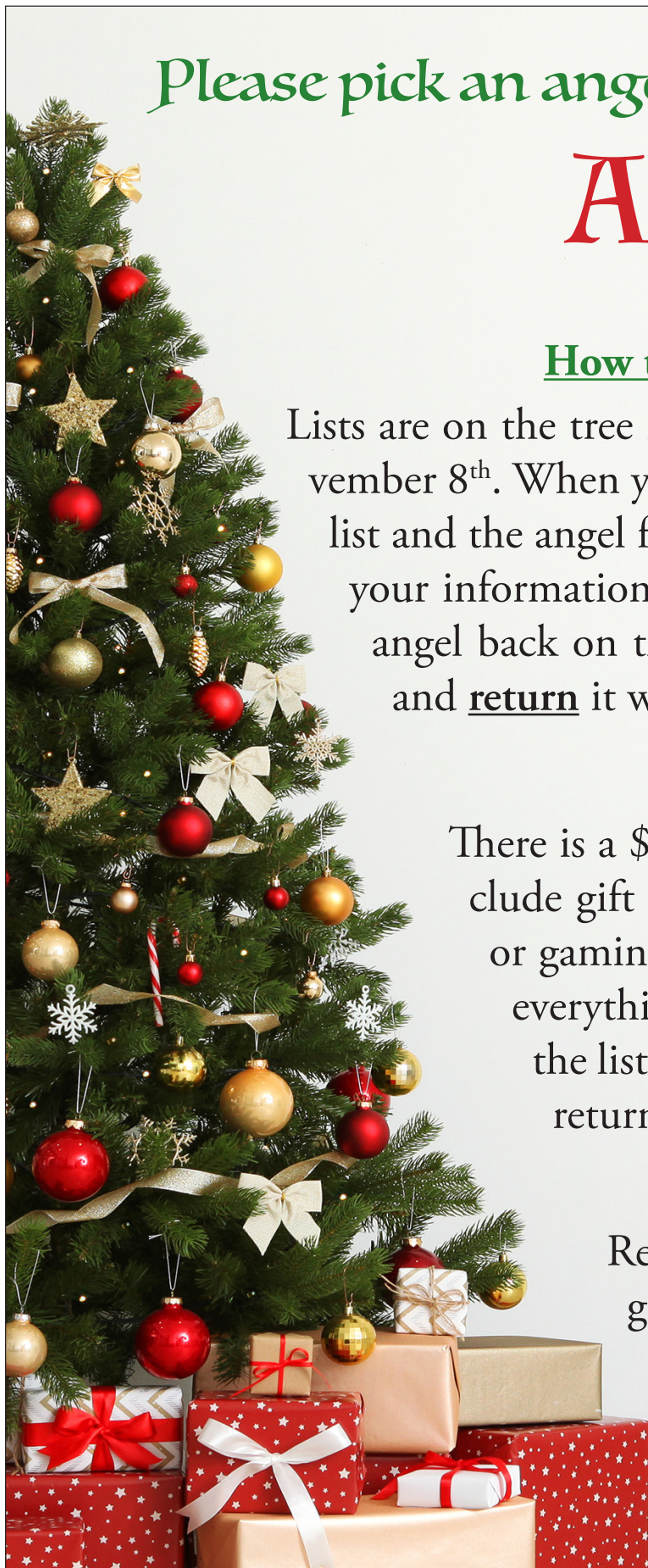
Lists are on the tree in the Parish House beginning November 8th. When you make your selection, remove the list and the angel from the tree, fill out the angel with your information and the list number and place the angel back on the tree, then take the list with you and return it with the gifts.

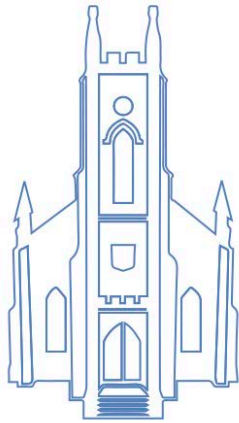
What to Bring

There is a \$200 limit per list. Please do not include gift cards, bicycles, computers, laptops, or gaming systems. You DO NOT need to buy everything on the wish list. You may share the list with another person, just be sure to return all the gifts together.

How to Return

Return labeled, unwrapped gifts together, with the list enclosed, either to the Parish House or Harrold House by Sunday, December 6th.





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