

CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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What to Expect in Lent

At Christ Church, we tend to shift what we do in worship each liturgical season. The season of Lent calls us to an even more intentional time of reflection, prayer, and study.

During the season of Lent, we encourage you to enter worship in silence and to remain quiet until the service begins. Silence allows us to center ourselves and prepare to meet with God. Silence calls us out of the noise of the world and acts as a threshold into the holy space of worship. Silence molds us into an attitude of humility before our Creator — being slow to speak and quick to listen. You might encounter reminders that say:

Before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

As a means of having uninterrupted worship, we will make announcements at the beginning of the service, before the opening hymn. This week, we open with the Great Litany, an ancient set of prayers used often on the First Sunday of Lent and in other times of penitence and calamity. Starting next week, we will open our time of worship with Penitential Order (found on p. 351 in the Book of Common Prayer). Using this, we say the confession of sin as our opening act of worship. We use a shorter musical piece in place of the Song of Praise. The words will remind us of God's mercy and our dependence on God in what we do in our lives. Since we will have said the Confession earlier, we pass the peace immediately after the Prayers of the People. At both services, we will speak the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) at the Eucharist. We also replace the blessing at the end of the liturgy with a solemn prayer.

We hope you will join us each week in Lent as we journey with Christ through the wilderness and towards the cross and empty tomb.



LENT MADNESS

Don't forget about Lent Madness. It's a daily match-up of 32 saints throughout Lent. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time, and people vote for their favorite saint. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Learn more about Lent Madness and fill out the bracket at <https://www.lentmadness.org/> (very similar to a March Madness bracket), to vote on your favorite. You can sign up to get the daily emails or go to the website each day to vote. There's a lot of people who have voted for saints in the past. Check in with people during Coffee Hour to see how their saints have fared.

Lenten Formation Options

There are multiple options in which parishioners can participate during Lent this year. For more information on individual class offerings, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/adult-classes>.

HOLY AND FAITHFUL

Tuesday evenings (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28) on Zoom from 7:30-8:30 pm

Join us with friends around the diocese as we learn about Saints and their lives.

Class is led by Xena Markine-Morrison at St. Stephen's in Goldsboro and Meg Jones.

Register here: <https://dioec.regfox.com/holy-faithful>

SEEKING

Wednesday nights 5:30-7 pm in the Library; Starting March 1

We'll take this season to look at some stories of our faith through pictures, poetry, and drawings. Nursery provided. There will be a children's offering if requested. A light dinner will be available from 5:30-6 pm in the Parish House.

CATECHETICAL SERIES

Meets Sunday mornings in the Library (starting Feb. 26th). Led by Andrew Garlick

On Sunday mornings during Lent, we will have an opportunity to dig into our faith.

This week we will examine the Lord's Prayer in depth, it became Central to Christian worship and how to pray it with deeper understanding

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

John Gaskill will offer Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel during Lent.

IRM: Dinner on Five Continents

You are cordially invited to join Interfaith Refugee Ministry for an evening of community, music, and an exquisitely prepared small-plate menu featuring cuisines from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America.

Date: Saturday, March 4th Time: 6-9pm

Place: Harrison Center, 311 Middle St., New Bern

Reservations are \$60 per person and available online at Interfaith Refugee Ministry's website www.helpingrefugees.org. If you are interested in donating an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Sims Wayt at simswayt@embarqmail.com or Jim Behl at jbehl@usa.net.



Mission: Interfaith Refugee Ministry is a dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. Our task is to assist refugees with the necessities when they first arrive in New Bern and surrounding areas. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with housing, food, clothing, employment, learning English, and cultural orientation. The goal is to help refugees become self-reliant, emotionally secure, and culturally adjusted in their new home. Each year, Interfaith Refugee Ministry resettles new refugee families from around the world. Our staff, working with volunteers, civic groups, and faith communities, ensures each refugee will receive basic initial support as they begin a new life in a strange land. We try to provide a bridge for these persecuted people who are coming out of the darkness of a shattered life into the bright hope of a better future.

Farmworker Ministry Drive

Our active support for 2023 will begin in March with a drive for specified food and toiletry items as contributions for the thousands of migrant farmworkers who will begin arriving in April. We are now able to re-invigorate our yearly help interrupted by COVID from 2020-2022.

Farmworkers provide the fruits and vegetables we depend upon at a cost we can afford. They earn less than half a minimum wage, are separated from their families, have social security taken out and are ineligible for most benefits our levels of government provide its citizens.

The Farmworker Ministry was initiated in 1982 by the Dioceses of East and North Carolina. It has been actively supported by Christ Church members and donations since its inception. More than 10,000 farmworkers are touched by this ministry through advocacy, visits to worker camps, translation of documents, emergency assistance, referrals to legal and medical visits, an annual festival, and donations of food, clothing, blankets, heaters, fans and other essentials. Watch for information in upcoming editions of the *Messenger* and *The Crown*.

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive at Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

10 am - 3 pm

Harrison Center

311 Middle Street

New Bern, NC 28560

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Christ Episcopal to schedule an appointment

VBS AT CHRIST CHURCH

REGISTRATION
OPENS MARCH 1ST

JUNE 12-16, 2023
8:45AM-12PM



Giving

Envelopes

All remaining Giving Envelopes are now available in Cindy Tripp's office. They have been removed from the Parish House.

If you have not yet completed your 2023 pledge card, it's not too late to do so. To print a copy of a pledge card or complete your pledge online, go to <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/stewardship>.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE AS OF 2/22/2023

- Pledge Amount Received: \$798,517
- Number of Pledges Received: 214

In peace we pray to you, Lord

For our ill and recovering

parishioners: Barbara Willis, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Doug Sudduth, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Helen Margaret Gaskins, and Margaret Wright.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Lynne, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Katherine, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Christina, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Cathy, Chris, and Eunice.

For our deployed military: Lt. Christopher Miller, SSgt. Hunter Lyon

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; St. Mark's, Wilmington

**These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list. If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact [Betsy Downard](#).*



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER



STEPHEN MINISTRY

And the peace of God, which
transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 26

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:30 am: Coffee available between services
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))
11:30 am Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)
12 pm: Coffee Hour
6 pm: EYC

Monday, February 27

1 pm: Staff Meeting
3 pm: Growing in Grace

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor Living Room)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
5:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training (Parish House)
5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)
7 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
7:30 pm: *Holy and Faithful* Lenten Program (via Zoom)

Wednesday, March 1

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
12 pm: Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
5:30 pm: *Seeking* Lenten Program (Parish House)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, March 2

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Sunday, March 5

Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:30 am: Coffee available between services
9:45 am: Sunday School
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [online](#))
12 pm: Coffee Hour
4 pm: POD (Purple Pineapples Room)
6 pm: EYC

The March issue of *The Crown* will be distributed March 5. The Article deadline for the April issue is March 15. Send items to communications@christchurchnewbern.com.

Weekly article deadlines:

- Sunday email: 12 pm on Thursday
- Thurs. email: 12 pm on Wednesday
- Printed *Messenger*: noon on Wednesday

THE GOODS

Cursillo Spring Weekend

Cursillo Spring Weekend EC #102 is April 27-30, 2023, with Dave Silvia, from Wilmington, as Lay Rector.

If you are interested in becoming a Pilgrim (attending for the first time) with East Carolina Cursillo Ministry, please contact Mary Lynn at 252-626-3364, and she will direct you to a sponsor. The weekend is at Trinity Center, Salter Path.

Flower Donations

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Schelke by his cousin, Barbara Mitchell; in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson and in thanksgiving for life by Dr. and Mrs. Mark and Donna Johnson; and in loving memory of Ralph Herbert Cochrane III by his mother, Margaret Burns, sister Elizabeth and Frank Baritot, and brother, Scott and Brenda Cochrane. If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area, call the church office or sign up online [here](#).

Please send all memorial or thanksgiving details to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Instructed Eucharist Narrative

We had an Instructed Eucharist last week. Click [here](#) to read the narration from those services.

Due to technical difficulties, the video from the 11 am service is in two parts. Click below to view both of the videos.

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

To view the bulletin that has some informational side bars, click [here](#). Next week we will have a video to sum up all that we did.

Camp Hope Slide Show

Thank you again to all those who have supported Camp Hope. The long-awaited 2022 [Camp Hope photo slideshow](#) is now available. Enjoy!

Save the Date - Spring Clean Up

We will have a church yard Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 13. Stay tuned for more details.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our March services [here](#). Click [here](#) to reserve your April shifts, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter. For more information about ushering, contact [Butch Ricks](#).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Reserve your March time slot [here](#). April dates can be found [here](#).
- **Coffee Hours:** Coffee hours take place after the 8:30 and 11 am services in the Parish House. Thank you to all of our hosts. If you would like to volunteer to be a host, please click [here](#). Set-up instructions are posted in the Parish House kitchen.
- **Saturday Docents needed:** Visitors are stopping by to appreciate the beauty and history of Christ Church. If you are interested in showing visitors our beautiful church, contact Helen Shine at hshine08@suddenlink.net.
- **Items needed for L'il Pantry:** We are in need of items for our outdoor pantry. If you are able, please bring in the following: small bottled waters/juice boxes, canned meats (like vienna sausages, tuna, chicken), canned veggies and canned fruits. POP TOP ITEMS WORK BEST! Kits of chicken/tuna salad with

Contacting the Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul or Suzanne. Use [this link](#) to schedule a meeting with Paul or call 252.633.2109. You can reach Suzanne at 252.631.5862 or suzannehood@christchurchnewbern.com. When scheduling, please indicate if you'd rather meet face-to-face, via phone or via video conference. To speak with Deacon Lisa Kirby, call 252-617-9806.

EYC and POD Food Sign Ups

EYC meets most Sundays, and their meetings include dinner. POD meets once a month on Sunday afternoons, and their meetings include a snack. If you would like to contribute food to either group, please click on the links below.

[EYC](#)

[POD](#)