



CHRIST CHURCH

The Messenger

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Easter Sunday at Christ Church

Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

***Make sure to send a flower in with your child to place on the Cross that will be on the front porch of the Church.**

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45am

Church offices will be closed April 18-19.

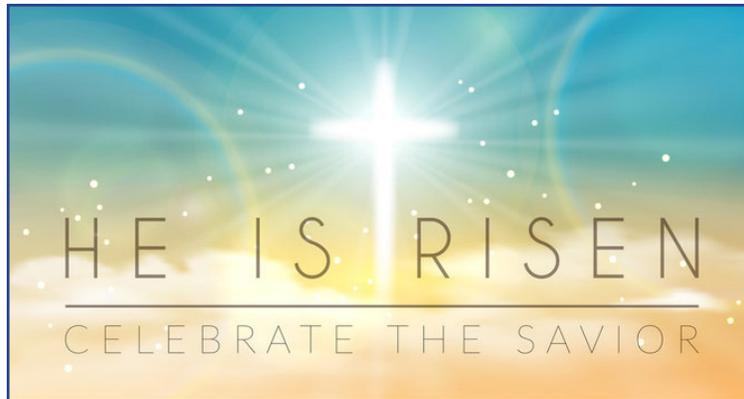


Presiding Bishop Curry's 2022 Easter Message

In Matthew's gospel, the resurrection of Jesus is introduced this way: "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord had descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone before the tomb until it was open."

A number of years ago, when I was serving as the bishop of North Carolina, one of our clergy, the Rev. James Melnyk, offered a workshop on the Saturday before Palm Sunday on how to design, and color, and make Easter eggs.

I attended the workshop with a number of other people from around the Raleigh area and did my best to make an Easter egg. But Jim was a master at doing so. You see, Jim's family hailed from Ukraine, and he had been making those Easter eggs from childhood, and spoke of his grandmother and the family tradition that hailed from Ukraine, the making of those Easter eggs. I knew the significance of the Easter egg and Easter. I knew the stories and the truth and the teachings about the coming of new life into the world, and the connection of life emerging from an egg, and Jesus rising from the dead, bringing new life and hope into our world.



"Easter is the celebration of the victory of God," Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry said in his Easter 2022 message. "The earth, like an egg, has been cracked open, and Jesus has been raised alive and new, and love is victorious." See the entire sermon on video [here](#).

But it became clear to me, in the last month or so, in this time when the people of the Ukraine are struggling for their freedom, struggling to be what God intends for all people to be, free people, that, that egg, which is deeply embedded in the life and the consciousness of the people of Ukraine, that those Easter eggs are not just mere symbols, but reminders of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. Think back. On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem, as we know, riding on a donkey. That was a deliberate act on his part.

He entered Jerusalem at about same time that Pontius Pilate, the governor of Rome, would've

been entering the city from the other side, from the other gate. Pilate would've been riding a war horse, accompanied by a cavalry and infantry. He would've been riding in the streets of Jerusalem at this, the dawn of the Passover, which was a celebration of Jewish freedom. Harking back to the days of Moses and the Exodus, Pilate knew that the people would remember that God decreed freedom for all people, and that the Roman empire, which held Judea as a colony, would need to put down, by brute force, any attempt to strike a blow for their freedom.

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Christ Church welcomes Sarah Risty-Davis

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Risty-Davis is the new Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement at Christ Church. Her first day will be Monday, May 2.

Proud to have been born and raised in New Bern, Sarah is a local history buff. So interested in our history, she attended UNC-Wilmington just to study under Dr. Alan Watson. She returned from Wilmington with a degree in History and Religious Studies. In 2003 Sarah moved to Scotland to pursue her Masters and PhD in Art History. Upon her return to the States in 2008 she began working for the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Most recently, she was the Visitor Services Manager at Tryon Palace. Sarah brings to Christ Church a strong background in volunteer management.



On New Years Eve of 2010, Sarah married her childhood friend, Charles Davis. Together they have three adventurous, vivacious, wonderful children – Isla, Truxton, and Asa. In their free time, Sarah and Charles are slowly restoring a home in Riverside.

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So, Pilate entered Jerusalem on a war horse, and Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. The way of humility, the way of the love that we know from the God who is love, the way of truth, the way of compassion, the way of justice, the way of God, the way of love. That way faced the way of the world, brute force, totalitarian power, injustice, bigotry, violence, embodied in Pontius Pilate, governor of Rome. And the rest of the week was a conflict between the way of the empire and the way of the kingdom or the reign of God's love.

On Friday, the empire struck. Jesus was executed on the orders of the governor of Rome. He was killed, and hope seemed to die with him. His followers fled, save those few women who stood by the cross, and save old Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who provided a tomb for the body of Jesus. The Scripture says they placed his body in the tomb and rolled the stone in front of the tomb. And there he lay dead, lifeless. There their hopes dashed on the altars of reality, their truth was crushed to earth. Their love itself seemed to die.

Then early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, and at least one other, and maybe a few other women, went to the tomb to anoint his body, to do the rites of burial that were customary. But when they got there, they realized that there had been an earthquake, that the earth, if you will, had been cracked open, and that the tomb was empty. The tomb was open and empty. The earth had been cracked open, and they would soon discover that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The earth cracking open, the tomb opening like an egg cracked open, and new life emerging from it.

That is the victory of life. That is the victory of love. That is the victory of God. The resurrection of Jesus is the victory that we can believe in and live by.

Many years before South Africa ever saw its new day of freedom, I heard Desmond Tutu in Columbus, Ohio. This was in the mid-1980s. This was while Nelson Mandela was still in prison, while there was no hope of deliverance. I heard him say in his speech that I believe that one day my beloved South Africa will be free for all of her children, Black, white, colored, Asian, Indian, all of her children.



By the grace of God
and with the consent of the People
The Right Reverend Robert Stuart Skirving
Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will ordain

Ashley Danielle Simpson
Gregory Smith
Ethan Gerald Whitfield Stroud
Rhonda Ann Thomas

To the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
on Saturday, the twenty-third of April
two thousand and twenty-two
at four o'clock in the afternoon

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
800 Rountree Street
Kinston, North Carolina, 28501

Your prayers and presence are requested

Reception to follow, St. Mary's Church

I believe it, because I believe that God has a dream for South Africa, and nothing can stop God's dream. And I believe that because I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, and nothing can stop God. Easter is the celebration of the victory of God. The earth, like an egg, has been cracked open, and Jesus has been raised alive and new, and love is victorious.

In the year 2020, in that first Easter during the pandemic, when our church buildings were closed, we broadcast an Easter service from the National Cathedral, and members of our communication team organized for, what may have been the first time in our church's history, organized an online choir.

And they sang an ancient Easter hymn. And they will sing it for you now. It sings of this victory, this victory of love of God. The strife is o'er, the battle done. The victory of life is won. The sound of triumph has begun. Alleluia, alleluia. The victory is won. Our task is to live in that victory, to live out that love until the prayer that Jesus taught us, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And so this Easter, behold, the Ukrainian Easter egg, for the victory of love and life is one.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

For our ill and recovering parishioners:

Barbara Willis, Gary Derck, Jackie Barney, Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Bob and Joan Burnett,* Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Joe Freemon*, Bob Kohn, Nicholas Pridgen, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Larry Whitney, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstor*, Evelyn Dill, Jim Keeter*, M. Carolyn Lawson, Fair Leonard*, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, Vivienne Armstrong, Martha Schell, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, JoAnn Frank, Eileen Nelson, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Margaret Wall, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, Rodney Hayes, CB Evans, John Mason, Mike McCulley, Jack Browning-Henry, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Betty Simon, Mollie Bales, Rosemary Stark, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Ken Chance, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott*, Jim Banks, Sam Curry, and Jim Gruenebaum.

For our friends and families: Liesel, Jeff, Corinne, Travis, Edward, Irene, Matt, David, Schellie, Peter, Michael, Jim, Joanne, Anderson, Vicki, Nelma, Ashley, Alexander, Bambi, Laurie,

Amelia, Dennis, Blake, Brian, Oakley, Bryce, Helen, Carter, Eunice, Mary, Joseph, Mason, Sarah, Nicholas, Janet, Myra, Jimmy, Jim, Denni, Matthew, Chelsea, Niels, Cindy, Lucia, Trinity, Pam, Jason, C.E. (Max), Christopher, PK, Beverly, Krissie, George, William, James, Tom, Bryan, Patti, Ruth, Ron, Patty, Jackie, Jani, Barrie, John, Bill, Joan, Brooke, Norma Jean, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Linda, Lynne, J. Matthew, Inez, Ed, Jimmy, Caliana, Julie, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Clifford, Craig, Larry, and Joseph.

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

For refugee families and those seeking asylum.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis, Goldsboro; and St. Augustine's, Kinston

**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 [Dare Oliver](#).*

VESTRY RECAP

At its April meeting, the Vestry of Christ Church:

- Beth Livingston was elected as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.
- The Rector announced that Sarah Risty-Davis has been hired as an Administrative Assistant for Volunteer Engagement. She will work 20 hours per week and will begin May 2.
- Paul announced that Suzanne Hood will be in the congregation on June 19th, and she will begin work at the end of June.
- The Vestry voted to spend \$26,000 on a strategic visioning plan for St. Cyprian's.

We also received reports from the various Commissions. Highlights include:

- Summer worship schedule will be 8:00 and 10:00 beginning Memorial Day weekend.
- There will be a picnic on June 5 after the

10:00 service on the lawn.

- April 30, 10:00 am, will be the annual Spring yard cleanup from 10:00-1:00. Child care will be provided.
- The Pastoral Care Commission is seeking referrals for the Stephen Ministry.
- T-ball has begun.
- Vacation Bible School will be for ages 3 to rising 5th graders and be held June 13-17. More volunteers are needed.
- A Confirmation class for ages 14 and up will be held from September to March, in cooperation with the Diocese.
- Ashley Simpson will be ordained as a Deacon on April 23 at 4:00 at St. Mary's in Kinston.
- Paul explained the procedures for Communion, which will be instituted beginning on Maundy Thursday.

— Submitted by Howard Furnas

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45am: Easter Egg Hunt

11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

Monday, April 18

Church offices closed (April 18-19)

No GIG this week

11:30am: Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 19

Church offices closed (April 18-19)

6:30pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, April 20

6 pm: EFM (Second Floor Living Room)

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (HC)

Thursday, April 21

10am: Chair Yoga (HC)

10:45am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist

Friday, April 22

11:30am: Stepping out Picnic (Churchyard)

Saturday, April 23

4pm: Ordination of Ashley Simpson at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kinston

Sunday, April 24

RCS Ingathering Bag Distribution

8:30am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:45am: Sunday School

11am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

12:30pm: Cursillo Reunion (HC)

6pm: EYC (Youth Room)

Publication Deadlines

- *The Crown* will be distributed on June 5, so we need all articles submitted by May 15th.
 - Weekly (Sunday) email: noon on Thursday
 - Thursday email: noon on Wednesday
 - Printed *Messenger*: Noon on Wednesday
- Send all pictures and articles to communications@christchurchnewbern.com. If you have any questions, contact our communications coordinator, Dare Oliver, at dareoliver@christchurchnewbern.com.

Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that we now offer a common cup at the Eucharist. We will continue to offer the wine in the small, individual cups for those who prefer that. We will also ask those who wish to intinct their wafer or bread do so in the individual cups.

For more information, please see the video [here](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In Christ,



The Rev. Paul Canady
Rector

Save the Dates

Christ Church Cooks

Christ Church Cooks will be gathering at 9am on April 25th to fill our freezer with new meals to give to friends/family members who are sick, recovering, or experiencing a family emergency. In an effort to clear out the freezer, please think of anyone who could use these meals. If you have any questions, contact [Ellen Chance](#).

Annual Spring Clean-Up

Christ Church will be holding the Annual Spring Clean up on Saturday, April 30th, from 10am till 1pm in the churchyard. We will be planting, trimming hedges and ivy, mulching, restoring mulch in the playground, and much more. Rakes and tools will be available, but we will need wheelbarrows. Nursery will be provided for infants and children up to 5 years old. If you wish to take advantage of this service, contact the church office in advance. Any questions, contact Rick Miller (call or text) at 302-502-5268 or rickmiller950@hotmail.com.

ECU Chorus Concert

East Carolina University Chorus will be performing at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day), at Christ Church. Admission is free. Please spread the word. If you have questions, contact [Ellen Chance](#).

TIDBITS

Items needed for Lil 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 crackers are very popular. We have plenty of plastic utensils. Thank you for helping us with this ministry.

Contemplative Prayer Group

All are welcome to join the Contemplative Prayer Group, which has been focusing on a book called *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* by Richard Rohr. The group meets from 11:30am to 12:30pm via Zoom every Monday and is led by the Rev. Barbara Bornemann. If you're interested in joining us, please email [Meg](#) who will send you the Zoom link.

Flower Donations

The greenery behind the altar today is given to the glory of God by Karen and David O'Connell. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Virginia Buchanan by Joe and Rebecca Leahy, and in thanksgiving for the birth of Howard "Ward" Davis Sugg, grandson of Wright and Margaret Shields.

If you would like to give flowers in remembrance or thanksgiving of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board in the reception area. You can also call the church office or sign up online [here](#). When using the website, please include the memorial or thanksgiving details in the field next to the payment field. The cost is \$35 per Sunday.

Backpack Blessings Build

The last Backpack Blessings Build of the school year will be held at Garber Church on Tuesday, April 26, at 11am and 6pm. [Here is the link](#) to sign up.

Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Click [here](#) to volunteer to be a reader, greeter, and usher in April. Click [here](#) for May services. For more info 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! The signup link for April is [here](#). The signup link for May is [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour Refreshments:** We need volunteers to bring in refreshments for our coffee hour. [Sign up here](#) or call the church to sign up for a Sunday.

Be Aware of Scams!

This is the phone number/email address for Paul: 252-571-6892 and paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com. Messages coming from other emails or numbers should be viewed with suspicion.

Contacting Clergy

Have a question, thought or good news to share? Schedule a meeting with Paul. Use [this link](#) or call 252.633.2109. 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.