

# THE BEACON

of Christ Church, 20 N. American St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

*Planning ahead . . .*

## NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends  
All Saints' Day
- 3 An Altar in the World 6:30PM
- 10 An Altar in the World 6:30PM
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 14 Volunteer Gardeners  
10:00AM to Noon
- 15 Church Anniversary  
Celebration— One Service  
at 10AM  
Bridge Lunch & Discussion  
12:30PM
- 17 An Altar in the World 6:30PM
- 20 Sages Potluck & Hymn Sing
- 21 St. Mary's 350 8:30AM
- 22 Collection of Canned Foods  
for PhilAbundance  
Parents' Night Out 5:00PM
- 23 Shelter Dinner at Old First  
Reformed 6:00PM
- 24 An Altar in the World 6:30PM
- 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service  
7:00PM
- 29 Angel Tree begins

## DECEMBER 2009

- 6 Advent Service 5:00PM
- 12 Parish Work Day 8:00AM
- 13 Angel tree Gifts Due  
Bridge Lunch & Discussion  
12:30PM
- 14 Shelter Dinner at Old First  
Reformed 6:00PM
- 19 St. Mary's 350 8:30AM
- 24 Family Eucharist 5:00PM  
Holy Eucharist 8:00PM  
Holy Eucharist 11:00PM
- 25 Christmas Day Service  
10:00AM

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**2009-2010**

### Baptism Schedule

November 1 at 9A.M. (All Saints' Day) January 10 (First Sunday after the Epiphany), April 4 (Easter Sunday).

## In the Stewards Own Words

"Christ Church is a lifeline," Robin Parke told our congregation when she gave witness about her stewardship of Christ Church.

"I have grown into a faith for which I cannot show enough gratitude," she added. I love that. She reminded me that making a financial pledge and giving money to Christ Church is about giving thanks to God for life itself.

Teri Ruiz shared, "To tell you about what Christ Church means to me is to tell the story of a life transformed forever for it is here that I found my true calling by following my faith and my heart, trusting the Holy Spirit."

Truly, God transforms, heals and strengthens us, gives us courage and opens doors we would not open for ourselves.

"Christ Church is the place where God provides both an anchor and a beacon in my life," Nathalie Bartle shared. "Christ Church is a place where I hear the gospel preached passionately and where I'm challenged to take this gospel and live it in my daily life."

Her words capture what I mean on Sunday's when I say, right before we pass the offering plate and put in our financial gifts, "Through our gifts we give Christ Church away to the world." I realize that when we leave Christ Church after worship, and go home, or to work, or to school, we take the grace of God with us and share it through our lives blessed by our spiritual home.

"Time at Christ Church has expanded its wealth for me," Janice Woodcock shared. "Not just on Sundays, but everyday as I look into the faces of those I love. In discovering how to care, I have found more room to move, grow, and experience joy."

Janice stated an important truth about Stewardship: "I'm thankful for the home that Christ Church provides and for that reason stewardship in itself is a rewarding discovery. Not that in the past I have had any shortage of noble causes, time demands, financial contributions, board memberships, or special projects in my life, but here I have a desire to give and find I miss not one cent -- nor one hour given."

Then she added: "The reason for consistent and increased stewardship now is simple: The best institutions are needed in the toughest times."

As you complete pray about your financial stewardship of Christ Church for 2010, and complete your pledge cards, I pray you take to heart the wisdom of these four stewards. As you plan and continue to give in 2009, may your financial gifts truly be about your thankfulness to God for your life, your providing for your spiritual home, and for making possible that together this community can give God's grace and transforming love back to the hurting world through our own lives and the buildings and ministries we know as Christ Church in Philadelphia.

**Timothy Safford**

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE

What is worship? Over the past two months, we have grappled as a congregation with this rather tricky question. Most of us respond by talking about how we *like* to worship, and since our music is so central to worship, and we are searching for a new director of music, we talk about the type of church music we want, and the traditions of church music with which we are comfortable.

We still have further to go in perceiving and articulating more clearly as a community what God is revealing to us – and therefore through us – in what worship at Christ Church says about God. Here are some common themes in our recent conversations:

- Worship is a *gift*, given to us by God and, as any divine gift, constantly renewed by God. While we gather to worship to be inspired and filled with hope, we understand worship, in the best sense of the word, to be a *duty*, work that is ours to do with joy. We gather to break and share the bread of hope and new life, and to say the prayers for the world and ourselves.
- Worship is the way we give praise and thanks to God for our lives, for the creation, and for the joy of life.
- Worship is the way we can share our sadness and disappointments in life with God, and ask for God to guide us through.
- Worship is the way in which we allow God to challenge us. The scriptures and the sermon challenge us to love God and neighbor, and we confess our faults and weaknesses in doing this work that God has entrusted to us. In worship, through the hearing of the Word, God challenge us to go beyond our own fears and prejudices.
- At Christ Church, worship is grounded in the *Book of Common Prayer* and the music traditions that have been part of our history for 250 years.
- We want worship to be more comforting than challenging, more familiar than different, and more accessible and simple than exclusive and complex.
- We want worship to be hospitable to visitor and stranger and we will be better able to invite them into our worship if the styles, customs and logistics of worship are easier to understand and manage.
- We are less willing to explore how our worship and music are culturally constrained by predominately English and European tradition so as to be exclusive to worshipers who come with a more global, multi-cultural experience.
- We want our children and youth to worship with us, and to lead worship with us, including through a children and teen choir or mixed choir.

What I discern from these many conversations is that we are seeking a director of music who is skilled in offering music solidly in what can be seen as traditional Episcopal music, but whose awareness of the worship in other traditions and other musical resources in our city, country, and world, including newer music by contemporary sacred-music composers might make our experience of worship even more beautiful and more moving. We want a minister of music, more than a director, who will teach us, not force us, as she or he guides us into the next chapter of Christ Church's long history of offering to God praise and thanks and receiving God's never-ending gift of transformation, a chapter that will include a new and masterful organ and its role in our prominent and public church. We want someone who will help open up for our children and youth the joy and awe of worship and the sheer fun of giving praise to God. We seek a leader who understands how our worship and all our other musical offerings are an invitation to the community around us to come into the life of Christ Church.

We are just now advertising our position, and expect to collect applications throughout January.

Throughout this process, we need to keep talking about worship, and discerning where God is leading us. Read the article on page 3, and please participate in this unique opportunity to focus on worship during a workshop and Advent Service the afternoon of **December 6**. As well, we will have another Saturday all-parish discussion on worship and music on **January 23**.

**Tradition Remixed: Translating Anglican Worship Traditions into the 21st-century**

## **Church, Multicultural World**

In this year of transition and discernment about worship and the search for our next director of music, we are being aided by a grant for exploring new forms of worship within our Episcopal traditions. This grant has been awarded to us by the Lilly Foundation through the Calvin Institute of Worship, and we will put that grant to work on Sunday, **December 6**, in an afternoon workshop leading to a special Advent liturgy at 5 PM.

We will be led by the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, author of *Radical Welcome*, and the founder of the emergent community within Trinity Cathedral, Boston, called *The Crossing*. *The Crossing* has been one of the models for the Sunday evening liturgies offered by The Bridge, and the worship she has crafted there with a diverse, multi-cultural community in a downtown setting very similar to Christ Church's has drawn international attention. Stephanie was last with us at the conference on *Radical Welcome* in April 2008. She will be joined by Ed Broms, director of music from the cathedral and skilled jazz musician who will teach Christ Church about the music possibilities in worship based in, the words of Archbishop Rowan Williams, "a mixed economy" of tradition and innovation.

Our afternoon workshop for parishioners who want to share in this discernment about worship as well as visitors from our diocese begins at 1 PM, and concludes at 4:30 PM. Participants will become the crafters, presiders and singers for the 5 PM liturgy, if possible. Of course, the 5 PM liturgy is open for all.

More details of the workshop, and a RSVP, are available from Cecilia Wagner, or please go to [www.christchurchphila.org/worshipworkshop](http://www.christchurchphila.org/worshipworkshop).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE MISSION AND MINISTRIES  
OF CHRIST CHURCH WITH OUR  
TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES**

**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 15**

**ONE SERVICE  
AT 10:00AM**

***FOLLOWED BY A PARISH CELEBRATION***

***CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA  
FOUNDED NOVEMBER 15, 1695***

# UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

## Nov 1 All Saints' Day

9:00am Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

## Nov 8 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon

## Nov 15 The 314<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church

10:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
12:30pm The Bridge Lunch & Discussion

## Nov 22 The Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Morning Prayer and Sermon  
5:00pm Parents' Night Out

## Nov 29 The First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

## Dec 6 The Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
12:30pm Worship Workshop and Advent Service (*see page 2*)

## Dec 13 The Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
12:30pm The Bridge Lunch & Discussion

## Dec 20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
10:10am Rector's Forum  
Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 year olds  
Atrium 2 Class – 7 to 10 year olds  
11:00am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

## Dec 27 The First Sunday after Christmas Day

9 & 11am Holy Eucharist and Sermon

### FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Saving Time on **November 1**.

### Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist Service

All are welcome to our Service of thanksgiving on Wednesday, **November 25**, 7:00P.M. in the church.

### Christmas Day Eucharist Service

Please join us at 10:00A.M. on Christmas Day for a lovely Holy Eucharist Service with Christmas Carols

### INSIGHTS FROM THE ATRIUM

When asked what the kingdom of heaven is like,

One child said, "You can ride your bike and when you fall there's a cushion and you never get hurt".

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The children were drawing a picture of them doing God's work. One child drew a picture of himself with God and the teacher asked, "What are you and God doing in this picture?" The child replied, "God is letting me play on his computer and he gives me e-mail supplies".

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH?

## CHRIST CHURCH GARDENERS

The volunteer gardeners gather monthly, March to November, for work in the North Garden. Please join us on **November 14** at 10:00A.M. as we prepare the garden for the winter months. Newcomers are always welcome. We hope to see you there. Questions? Please contact **George Niedermayer** at [niedy711@aol.com](mailto:niedy711@aol.com).

## SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Come join the crew of sandwich makers who monthly make 350 bologna sandwiches for the shelter at St. Mary's. We gather next on **November 21 & December 19**, 8:30-9:30am. Kids love to help, too! Questions? Please contact **Wayne Christman** at [waynechristman@comcast.net](mailto:waynechristman@comcast.net).

## NOMINATIONS FOR NEW VESTRY

In preparation for our Parish Annual Meeting in 2010, nominations for new Vestry members are now being accepted. If you have a parishioner to nominate, please call the office for a Nomination Form or pick one up in Neighborhood House. Completed forms are due into the church office by Monday, **December 7**.

## PARISH WORK DAYS

Mark your calendars for our next parish work day, Saturday, **December 12**, 8:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. We'll gather as a community to clean and polish the Church and Neighborhood House. Many hands make light work, so join your fellow parishioners for some volunteer light labor and you might have fun doing it!

## FLOWER & MUSIC MEMORIALS

At Christmas time you have the opportunity to remember loved ones and to offer special thanks by making a donation to the **Christmas Flower Fund** or to the **Special Music Program**. Donations to the Flower Fund help cover church decorating expenses for our Christmas celebrations. Donations to the Special Music Program will be added to the Special Music Fund which augments our special services, such as Christmas Eve, with additional instruments. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your gift by Monday, **December 14** or pick up an envelope in the church.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE COFFEE CUP

Attention all bakers!

**Adorn your aprons, turn on your ovens, mix your dough and get started.**

You can help in this annual project as we provide homemade cookie gift boxes for "Coffee Cup" seniors. Our unique gift is the homemade cookies, which are not available to "Coffee Cup" patrons through any other means. We would love to receive your favorites and invite you to join us for packing the boxes. Baking the cookies and packing the boxes is a project in which children love to participate.

**Date:** Thursday, **December 17**, 2009

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Place:** Neighborhood House 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**We Need Cookies!**

If you are unable to attend the packing, please deliver your cookies to Neighborhood House before the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help. For more information or questions, please call **Helen Niedermayer** at 215-592-8238.

## RECTOR'S FORUM

Most Sundays, the Rector convenes a forum for parishioners at 10:10 AM to discuss the scriptures, issues and events. Join us!

**November 1: No Forum** - Greet the newly baptized and their families at coffee hour

**November 8: Study of the Scripture of the Day**

**November 15: No Forum** - One Service at 10AM

**November 22 Study of the Scripture of the Day**

**November 29 Study of the Scripture of the Day**

**December 6: Advent in the *Book of Common Prayer***

**December 13: Advent in the *Book of Common Prayer***

**December 20: Advent in the *Book of Common Prayer***

**December 27: Bible Study**

## THE BRIDGE

### LUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s come together for shared journeys, justice work, and discussion in the group called the Bridge. **November 15 at 12:30** is our next gathering. Come have some lunch provided by the church, check in with each other, and get to know those newer to the community. Copies of our fall discussion book, *Money and Faith: The Search for Enough* – a really sharp, provocative set of essays with discussion guidelines and topics – will be on hand. To get a copy ahead of time, or with questions or rsvp, check with the **Rev. Susan Richardson**.

**ADDITIONAL FALL DATES: December 13**

### JUSTICE WORK WITH THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS – ALL WELCOME

Christ Church parishioners of all ages gather once a month at the homeless shelter at Old First Reformed, corner of 4th and Race Streets, 6 to 8 p.m., to create unique, excellent meals, and eat and enjoy fellowship with the men. Plus, we need help the day before to head to the Italian market to buy fresh ingredients – go local, go green! It's great to help those in need and to enjoy each other. The next shelter dinner dates are **November 23 and December 14**. Can you help, even for a few minutes? For more info on shopping, cooking or serving the food, contact **Nick DiPatri** at [ndipatri@gmail.com](mailto:ndipatri@gmail.com).

## JUSTICE IN ACTION

### GIVING THANKS ONE CAN AT A TIME

*"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat..."*



As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays our hearts and minds often turn toward what we have or do not have in life. Counting our blessings, great and small, appears front and center in our culture. For some, the sense of abundance is clearly present and vast while for others it is not. Due to the struggling economy and increase in fuel and food prices, more people are turning to food cupboards and pantries for help. Food banks across the country are experiencing a serious shortage of food for those in need.

The Christ Church faith community will gather canned goods on Sunday, **November 22** for *PhilAbundance*, a nonprofit organization fighting hunger and malnutrition in our city and the Delaware Valley. Make plans to share your abundance and gratitude for all the blessings of your life by bringing your gifts of food to church. If you are unable to deliver your donation that Sunday, please deliver it to Neighborhood House by **November 21**.

#### Specific needs are:

Canned Tuna

Canned Pasta, Beef Ravioli

Canned Beef Stew

Canned Fruit Cocktail

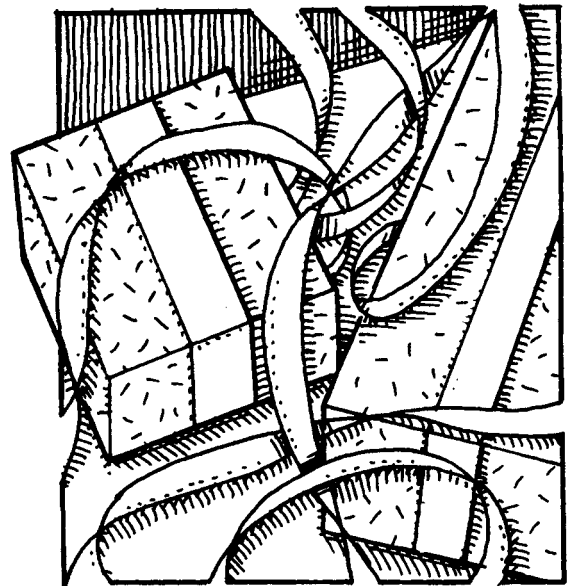
Canned Pork & Beans, Green Beans, & Corn

Creamy Peanut Butter – plastic containers only

100% Fruit & Vegetable Juice / shelf stable-cans or plastic bottles only

### ADVENT ANGEL TREE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The annual Angel Tree Project provides a direct link from the Christ Church family to people who are caught in the poverty cycle in Philadelphia. This ministry offers individuals and families the opportunity to be a secret angel and participate in meeting the wish or need of a child, family or adult during the Advent-Christmas season. **You are invited to select a tag from the Angel Tree in Neighborhood House on Sunday, November 29th.** As you make plans to fulfill someone's wish, please remember to pray for both the person to whom your gift will be given and for the work of the programs that are providing the care and support. **Gifts will be gathered in Neighborhood House on Sunday, December 13th.** Angel Tree supports organizations such as: AchieveAbility, Episcopal Community Services Home Care Program, Bainbridge House Mentoring Program, People's Emergency Center, and the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist Camp Get Along Program.



## **ACCESS 2010 PROJECT**

As the progress continues, here are a few photos from inside the construction zone in Neighborhood House. Below, two views beyond the wall on the first floor in the area which will become exhibit space.



Creating a new entry way into  
Neighborhood House through the courtyard by  
Washburn House.



# Christmas Eve at Christ Church

5:00pm Family Eucharist and Sermon

8:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist and Sermon

10:30pm Christmas Carols with brass, timpani, organ and  
Christ Church Choir

11:00pm Holy Eucharist and Sermon with brass, timpani,  
organ and Christ Church Choir



# FAMILIES AT CHRIST CHURCH

## ALLEYS FOR ALICE

Come help the Christ Church community and others raise funds to support parishioner Alice Hershey and her family. Alice, who has been in a coma since she was in a bike accident in August, is improving, but progress is slow and has incurred overwhelming expenses. A fundraiser at North Bowl has been created to support Alice and her family. Come along for bowling, food, and drink! The price of admission includes bowling and food catered by North Bowl. **Monday, November 9**, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **North Bowl** (909 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Philadelphia, PA). Cost: regular tickets \$50, students \$25. Purchase tickets at the door or in advance through PayPal (<http://www.tinyurl.com/lltchv>).

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Our first Parents' Night Out of the season is **November 22, 5-7:30 p.m.** Parents and caregivers gather in Neighborhood House for excellent food and company. Kids and youth will be upstairs for pizza and a movie. Childcare is free; suggested contribution of \$10 per adult for dinner. Please rsvp to Cecilia Wagner, [cwagner@christchurchphila.org](mailto:cwagner@christchurchphila.org), by Friday November 20 with the number of adults and kids. Please bring whatever you'd like to drink - and bring along a new family to join in the fun.

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Atrium 1 children, ages 4-6, and Atrium 2 children, ages 7-10, are invited to learn the beauty and joy of singing in a Sunday morning class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Neighborhood House.

**9:30A.M. – Ages 4 to 6**

**10:10A.M. – Ages 7 to 10**

The Children's Music Director, **Marzena Gulessarian**, is using the Royal School of Church Music program, *A Voice for Life*. For more information, visit her website at [www.firstnotes.net](http://www.firstnotes.net).

Other Fall dates are **November 8 & 22, December 13** and singing at the **5PM Christmas Eve Service**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

### GROUP: CALLING ALL KIDS

Our Sunday program for Christ Church children and youth continues even during construction. Keep track of class locations as they are posted each Sunday morning.

Atrium 1 – 4 to 6 yr olds (9 a.m.-12 noon)

Atrium 2 – 7 to 10 yr olds (10:10 a.m.)

Journey to Adulthood – 11 to 17 yr olds (10:10 a.m.)

### OPENING UP THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Special Combined Atrium, 10:10am, **December 20.**

The story of Jesus' birth is rich, complex, and full of imaginative possibility. We invite the whole family to the Atrium on this special Sunday so the children can take turns reading the verses and opening up the questions, as we renew this age-old story together.

### CALLING ALL ANGELS, ETC.

At the Family Eucharist at **5P.M. on Christmas Eve**, all kids of all ages are welcome to participate in the telling of the Gospel by dressing up as a character or an animal in the Christmas story; visiting family and friends are also most welcome to join in. Please bring your child to the Great Hall at 4P.M. to choose a costume and prepare for the service. We'll have snacks and caregivers on hand. Use one of the church costumes, or bring one of your own – there's always room for more Wise Men (or Women), angels, shepherds... and giraffes! Questions? Contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson**.

### GREET THE RECENT ARRIVALS

**Sarah**, born September 5, 2009 to **Angela Sabol & Thom Tarka**

### WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Olivia Grace Bergmann**, daughter of **Julie & Eric Bergmann**

**Owen Patrick DeAndrea**, son of **Fred & Janee DeAndrea**

**Jason William Sullivan**, son of **Nicole & Matthew Sullivan**

# FELLOWSHIP and CELEBRATIONS

## SAGES POTLUCK AND HYMN SING

Seasoned members of our congregation will gather on Friday, **November 20** at 6:00PM for a Potluck Supper in Neighborhood House and then a hymn sing. Ann Wilkerson will lead the way on the piano with Bin Pettit and Cecilia Wagner providing vocal leadership. Please RSVP to **Jean Bodine** at 215.627.8393, and let her know whether you will bring wine, salad, main dish or dessert.

## CELEBRATE WITH BRIDE AND GROOM

**Alex Norman & Jessica Kovack**, married Aug. 28  
**Amy Zimmerman & Charles Lancaster**, married Sept. 5  
**Nicole Orr & Caleb Clark**, married Sept. 12  
**Andre Stephano & Beth Lesko**, married Sept. 19  
**Gabriella Mora & Michael Rovito**, married Sept. 25  
**Lauren Davis & Mark Adler**, married Sept. 26  
**Lauren Lopchinsky & Jason Tiefenback**, married Oct. 10  
**Rebecca Hoover & Richard Parry**, married Oct. 24

## PARISH BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to our parish family members celebrating birthdays these next two months:

November 1, **Kathryn Palski, Parke Rouse**  
November 2, **Emily Donohue, Zachary Falone, Ted Mills**  
November 3, **Ruth Baudo**  
November 5, **Sara Smith**  
November 7, **Anne Argue, Nava Hall**  
November 9, **Sheila Brown, Gabriella Mora, Linda Schraeder**  
November 10, **Lucie Boulind, Jill Palski**  
November 12, **Allison Corboy**  
November 14, **Andrew Rickels, Stiles Seay, Garth Terrelonge**  
November 16, **Rachel Daniels**  
November 17, **Florence Collins, Stephanie Moleski, Thomas Weldon**  
November 21, **Kailyn Frohlich, Judith Hetrick, Rie Huebner**  
November 22, **Marcy Hasbrouck, Kay Keagy, Annmarie Mangin**  
November 24, **Andrew Palski**  
November 26, **Daniel Grishkin-Lanctot**  
November 27, **Suzanne Lowe**  
November 28, **Joan Eldridge**  
November 30, **Jennifer Celata**

December 1, **Peter Allen**  
December 2, **Richard Lawless**  
December 3, **Luke Moleski, Anthony Paschall, Jr.**  
December 4, **Eric Bergmann, Elwood McHugh**  
December 5, **Morgan Frohlich, Sheldon Hackney**  
December 6, **Carla Castillo**  
December 7, **Jessica Beers**  
December 8, **Alley Moorehead**  
December 9, **Tim Margulies, Doug Wilkerson**  
December 10, **Elizabeth Celata, Diane Johnson, Anne McAteer**  
December 11, **Lauren Adler, Erik Kerney**  
December 12, **Tom Falone**  
December 14, **Kelly McCabe, Joshua Silver**  
December 15, **Sherman Poland, Eve Stirman**  
December 16, **Juan José Hardy**  
December 17, **Anthony Candelori, Kristi Fox**  
December 19, **Ted Warren**  
December 20, **Sally Hardy, Nancy Hulme, Ebony Lanctot**  
December 21, **Noah Gansallo**  
December 23, **Paul White**  
December 26, **Alexander Weldon**  
December 27, **Beth Cote, Bridget McHugh**  
December 28, **Bromley Lowe, Rowan Ziegler**  
December 30, **George Mark, Michelle Salerno-Ziegler**  
December 31, **Julia Lawless, Stephen Walker, Jr.**

Did we miss your birthday? Please contact **Cecilia** in the church office.

## CHRIST CHURCH MUSEUM SHOP

Think of the Christ Church Museum Shop this holiday season for unique gifts to give your family and friends. Fair trade Nativity sets, seasonal children's books, house blessings, and note cards are just some of the items available for sale. New this year is the **Christ Church House Blessing and the Christ Church Angel Ornament**. We also have the Christ Church Staffordshire plate and a cookbook. The gift shop is open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 AM-5:00PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM-5:00PM. All proceeds from the shop support the preservation of Christ Church. If you would like to purchase an item and have it shipped, please contact Anne McLaughlin at 215-922-1695, x 32 or [amclaughlin@christchurchphila.org](mailto:amclaughlin@christchurchphila.org).

# Christ Church: A user's guide

## 9:00 AM Eucharist and Sermon

Rite II, celebrated with organ and hymns.

## 10:10 AM Christian Education

Adult education each Sunday in Neighborhood House. Education for Children and Youth on the second and third floors of Neighborhood House from September to June.

## 11:00 AM Eucharist and Sermon (*see schedule*)

Rite I or II celebrated, with organ and hymns, and vocal leadership from Christ Church Choir

## 11:00 AM Morning Prayer and Sermon (*see schedule inside*)

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each Sunday.

## Wednesdays

### 12:00 Noon Eucharist

Rite II, briefly and informally celebrated with a short homily. About 20 minutes, this liturgy is a perfect addition to relieve "hectic downtown life syndrome."

## Visiting/Getting in touch

The Church, located on 2nd Street just north of Market Street in Old City Philadelphia, is open for visiting, prayer and meditation from 9am to 5pm daily.

## Mailing address and church office entrance:

20 N. American Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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The Rev. Timothy Safford - ext. 23

[tsafford@christchurchphila.org](mailto:tsafford@christchurchphila.org)

The Rev. Susan Richardson – ext. 25

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