WELCOME

A gracious and warm welcome to everyone. We come together on this Sunday to worship God and to discover what it means to be a person of faith in this world. We encourage you to participate fully in this service of Word and Sacrament. If you are new to Christ Church, please know that you have a place among us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will consider making Christ Church that home. We are here to answer any questions and to be of assistance in any way possible.

Join us for Christmas at Christ Church!

GIFTS & GREENS WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 2-4

FRESH TREES & GREENERY • LAVISH BOWS & TRIMS • SILENT AUCTION DINNERS AROUND TOWN • SANTA’S WORKSHOP PARISH PANTRY WITH BAKED GOODS, JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES

For more information go to www.christchurchgp.org/gghome

RECTOR’S FORUM
Sundays in the Undercroft, 10:10–11 am
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

This is the Sunday before Advent which means it's time to make Advent wreaths and to begin our preparation for the in-breaking of God's love! We supply the greens, candles, punch, cookies, and music while your family creates a centerpiece to take home in preparation for the Christmas Season.

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children’s Cross for the Collect of the Day and Dismissal to Children’s Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday, before returning to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Church School for children follows (from 10:10 am to 11:00 am) the service in the education wing as follows: pre-K to 1st – Godly Play (Room B216), 2nd Grade Communion Enrichment (Room B217), and 3rd to 5th Grade Class (Room B213). We look forward to learning with your saint!
PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

WORSHIP

Advent Procession

Sunday, December 3, 4:30 pm, Combined Choirs
A service of readings and music celebrating the Advent of Our Lord.

LEARN

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Continues November 29
Living lives of faith together
Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and formation. Formation programs will include the Catechumenate (for adults), Youth Group, and Children.

5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm - Community Dinner
6:30 pm - Formation for 1st - 5th Grade, Youth & Adults
(Nursery care available 5:30-8:30 pm)

For more information contact the Rev’d Drew Van Culin at dvanculin@christchurchgp.org or 313-885-4841, ext. 106.

Advent Bible Study

Wednesdays: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13
3:30 - 5 pm in Room B217

Prepare for Christmas with an Advent Bible Study! Join Denise Crenshaw and Rev’d Areeta for 3 weeks of study and prayer. You're encouraged to BYOB (bring your own Bible) :)

For more information contact the Rev’d Areeta Bridgemohan at abridgemohan@christchurchgp.org or 313-885-4841, ext. 121.

CONNECT

Parish Christmas Party

Friday, December 1
6-9 pm in the Undercroft
You are invited to celebrate the joy of Christmas as we welcome Christ among us in God’s house! Bring a friend, share the love!

Please RSVP at christchurchgp.org/christmas or to Diane Ward at 313-885-4841, ext. 111.

GIVE

Christmas Gift Project

Sunday, November 19 - Sunday, December 17
Sunday November 19 is the first day of the annual Christmas gift project! Join us in buying gifts for the children and youth of Front Porch and the Ruth Ellis Center. Please take wish lists from the room dividers in the Undercroft. Wrapped gifts may be dropped off in the decorated boxes in the lobby by Noon on Sunday December 10.

For more information contact the Rev’d Areeta Bridgemohan at abridgemohan@christchurchgp.org or 313-885-4841, ext. 121.

Text Giving

Text Giving Now Available
Christ Church is working to make contributions as convenient as possible. It takes just a couple of steps to text message to give!

Step 1: Text to 73256. Step 2: In the message you type CCGP with the amount you wish to give (minimum $3.00). You will receive a text reply link. Step 3: Tap the link!

You will be taken to a site where you will set up “your account” with your credit/debit information and where you want to direct your money to.

If you have any questions or need help please contact Diane Ward at dward@christchurchgp.org or 313-885-4841, ext. 111.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

St. Nicholas Celebration

Friday, December 1
6-8 pm in the Undercroft

Kids of all ages are invited to join us the night of the Parish Christmas Party for a night of Holiday Fun! We will enjoy pizza dinner, make Christmas Cards, decorate Christmas Cookies, hear the story of Saint Nicholas and watch a Christmas Movie! Child care available after the party til 9 pm for those attending the Christ Church Parish Christmas Party.

For more information contact Ssanna Muzzin at smuzzin@christchurchgp.org or 313-885-4841, ext. 104.
We Pray together:

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact Fr. Drew at dvanculin@christchurchgp.org. In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we will keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer: St. David’s, Southfield; St. Barnabas, Chelsea; Divine Providence, Guerra, DR; and Church of the Messiah, Detroit

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Wad Medani (Sudan), The Rt Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi, Bishop

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for: William Wu, and children Emily and Kaileigh; Jean Wyatt; Helen Young; Christopher and Sherrill Zimmer, and children Alexandra and Price; Mary Anne Zinn; Pahl and Christie Zinn, and children Kathryn, Luther, Kendall.

We pray for those in active military service for our country: Nathan Gaggin, Ryan Worrell, George H. Zinn IV.

We offer prayers for: Anne, Bernice, Constance, Elizabeth, Jeff, Joe, Kathleen, Mildred, Peggy, Robert, Sarah.


ASSISTING AT SERVICES:

Altar Guild:
- 5:30 pm Sally Wheeler
- 8 am Susan Mara, Christine Wardwell
- 9 am Cathy Dawson, Margaret Woodford
- 11:15 am Lynette Iannace

Eucharistic Ministers:
- 8 am Frank Stellingwerf
- 9 am Hope Hoffman, Margaret Torp, Polly Ledyard

Lector:
- 9 am Thorn Nealsohn
- 11:15 am Lynette Iannace
- 4:30 pm Karyn Weir

Prayers:
- 9 am Bruce Birgbauer
- 11:15 am John Snyder

Verger:
- 9 am Deb Miller
- 11:15 am David Gerdis

Acolytes:
- 9 am Lorelei Carr, Maggie Green, Laine Johnson, Scott Miller, Emma Reich

Ushers:
- 9 am Eric Ash, Hank Darlington, Steve Fehniger, Blair Osborn
- 11:15 am Ted McConnell, John Snyder
- 4:30 pm Karyn Weir

LIVING THE BAPTIZED LIFE

Wednesdays September through May
Led by The Rev’d Drew Van Culin
6:45-8 pm following Community Dinner in the Undercroft

If you are new to our community or a life-long member, this reading course promises to (re)connect us with one another and (re)immerse us in the heart of our faith and life as Christians.

God’s Story | Our Story:
Stories Every Christian Should Know
Wednesdays (November 29, December 6, 13 and 20)
Led by The Rev’d Drew Van Culin

We continue our journey together with an exploration of the essential story of faith. Beginning with God’s work in Creation, continuing with God’s call of Abram and Sarah, to the restoration of God’s people through the Exodus and return from Exile, we will see the interaction of God’s story and our story through time. We conclude with a 4-week exploration of the Gospels through the lens of their prologues, a foundational story of Jesus, and the Passion of Christ.

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Music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 • 4:30 pm
Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm

Christ Church Chorale, Soloists, and Orchestra

As we prepare for Christmas, the Chorale celebrates the season in a performance of George Frideric Handel’s greatest masterpiece. Tickets $25.

Get tickets at www.christchurchgp.org/concerts

MESSIAH
George Frideric Handel

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LESSONS FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and buttet at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
   let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
   and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
   and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
   and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
   and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
   and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God, *
   and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ephesians 1:15-23
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger and in prison and you did not visit me?’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”