



CHRIST church life

The Transfiguration of our
Lord Jesus Christ
August 9, 2009

To our guests, newcomers, and seekers,

We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card**, which can be found in your pew. Please tell us a bit about who you are and how your experience with us has been. We would be pleased to put you on our mailing list, so that we can share with you more about the life and ministries of Christ Church.

After our Sunday services, **please join us in the Great Hall of the Parish House for coffee and refreshments.** You can meet new friends and ask questions there.

Holy Communion is a part of our Sunday services. All baptized Christians, regardless of age or church affiliation, are **invited to the Holy Table to receive Communion.** You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. The bread is received in open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently at the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the bread. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Restrooms are located near the front of the church. Go through the doors to the right of the pulpit, and the restroom is located in the far corner of the room you have entered. There are also restrooms on both levels of the Parish House across the street.

Coffee & Clergy: Our priests are always happy to meet with you to talk about Christ Church and matters of faith & spirituality. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you can contact us via the Parish Office.

Did we miss something? If there is anything we can do to make your time with us better, let us know. We are glad you're here, and we want to welcome you as well as we can. We take seriously the words of St. Benedict, spoken over 1,000 years ago, "Let all guests who come be received as Christ."

Welcome!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Our Lord Jesus Christ. On this day we remember the time when Jesus was revealed as the Christ to a few of his disciples.

This event happened long ago on a distant mountain. Peter, James, and John began what might have been an ordinary day with their teacher, Jesus. Then something startling and dramatic happened: a bright light shone forth from Jesus, and he was revealed for who he was. It must have been terrifying, and perhaps a little exciting.

We celebrate this day at Christ Church as our Feast of Title, the day we remember who we are as a church. We are *Christ* Church, and this is the day when *Christ* was made known. Today we also offer the sacrament of Holy Baptism, when we welcome a new member into not only our community, but into the worldwide Church.

Jesus did not actually change at the Transfiguration – but his true self was revealed. God's love for a baby does not change at baptism – but the depth of God's love dwelling inside someone is revealed. Christ Church does not change now, but Jesus Christ dwelling in us is revealed today and each time we gather to feast on Christ's presence in bread and wine at the Holy Table.

This transfiguration – revelations of God's presence in people around us – can happen in our lives. In ordinary times, startling, wonderful, and dramatic things can be revealed. It might be terrifying, or perhaps a little bit exciting. Gathering as a church helps us practice finding the holy in the common. Join us week by week, as together to look for surprising revelations of God's grace in our midst.

Today at Christ Church

Holy Eucharist – Church, 8:00 & 10:30

Classes for all ages – "Pilgrimage: visiting Scotland, St. Margaret" led by Scott, Parish House, 9:15

Statement of Welcome

We welcome all people as we would welcome Jesus Christ. This commitment reflects our baptismal promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We embrace all people without regard to race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, disabilities or age. *Passed by the Vestry, December 10, 2008*

About Christ Church

Who are we?

At Christ Church, we share a common thread: we are pilgrims, traveling together on a great spiritual journey. In a world full of tremendous challenges, we come here to strengthen our commitment as followers of Jesus Christ. We seek to follow Jesus Christ out of a deep sense of gratitude for all that God has done for us—and we believe that God has more great things in store for us.

While we are deeply connected as the Body of Christ, we are also very diverse. We are young, old, faithful, doubting, married, single, gay, straight, rich, poor, liberal, conservative, and more. In this community, we endeavor to offer the loving embrace of Jesus Christ to all to come here.

What do we believe?

We believe that the mystery and breadth of God's creative love takes a lifetime to understand. We see God revealed uniquely in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to experience God's grace in our lives.

We understand the Bible to be the Word of God, revealing to us the sacred stories of God's saving purposes for humanity from the moment of creation until the end of time. As part of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition, we treasure

our heritage of two thousand years of Christian tradition. At the same time, we believe that God's Holy Spirit is alive in the church today, inspiring us to live the Gospel faithfully for this time and this place.

We honor and accept ancient creeds, liturgies, and writings of the church. While the essentials of the faith are the heart of our proclamation, we are very diverse in our application of the Christian faith. For us, the search for meaning is essential. In other words, we value questions just as we value answers.

How do we worship?

Each Sunday, we celebrate the Lord's Day by gathering for prayer, praise, and instruction. We share together in the Holy Eucharist (sometimes called "the mass"). In this sacrament, we receive the Body of Christ and we also *become* the Body of Christ.

We are varied in our worship. Our 8:00 service is quiet and serene. Our 10:30 service is a lively service with joyful music. All of our services include Holy Communion, prayers, and preaching. Children as always welcome when we gather for worship. We hope that families (or all configurations!) will worship together. Through our worship, we hope to see who God is and who God has called us to be.

Christ Church Basics

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Judy Foltz, *Thrift Shop*
Carolyn Rancourt, *Web Minister*

**Want to learn about a ministry?
Speak with one of these leaders, or
contact the Parish Office.**

Hear our prayer...

We pray for Ricky Hendrickson, Madeleine Nixon, Pauline Bickerstaff, Margaret Brear, Alice & Alfred Wade, Steven Seminara, Matt Federico, Dr. Horace Boyer, Tracie Mulcahey, Muriel Long, Mike & Susan, John Pascone, Mabel Whelpley, Eileen Benedetti, James McPhail, and Eric Kruger.

We pray for all those who have died.

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially David Lucina, Patricia Tannock, Emily Gnys, and Caleb Jeffrey.

If you have someone you would like prayed for during the Prayers of the People, please e-mail or call the Parish Office by Wednesday at noon. These requests are printed in the leaflet and usually read aloud during the prayers. All requests for prayers will be kept for one month. If prayers are still needed we ask that you call again.

Prayer Intentions may be placed in the Prayer Box located in the back of the church. The box will be brought to the Altar along with our offerings on Sundays, and following the service, a Prayer Support Group will gather to arrange to pray over them during the week.

Did we miss your name on our birthday list? Please contact the Parish Office to make sure our records are up to date. We apologize if we have missed you!



He that believes and is baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
he is a new creation.
through Christ's redemption he shall stand
among the glorious heavenly band
of every tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:
grant us thy Holy Spirit;
look thou on our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
that by this sacrament we may
eternal life inherit.

Words: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1689.

Serving today

At 8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Donna MacPherson & Beryl Nichols
Acolyte: Lorry Boss
Greeters: Olga Howells & Ruth Clement

At 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: Doreen Gardner & Doug Allen
Eucharistic Ministers: Dr. Walter Scott & Lorry Boss
Prayers: Jean Kay
Counters: Joe Bruckner, Pat Cooper, & Jane Gauvin
Altar Guild: Jean Kay & Sue LaFreniere
Acolytes: David & Daniel Bowen, Taylor Flaxington

It's a girl!

We are pleased to announce the birth of
Isabelle Aubrey Shobe, daughter of the
Rev'd Melody and the Rev'd Casey Shobe.
She was born on August 6, 2009.

Melody will be away now for about a month.
If things go according to plan, she'll return to her
work as Associate Rector sometime in mid-September,
and she'll work half-time for two months.
Stay tuned for details.

Most important, give thanks for this very happy
occasion!

Christ Church is online!

Visit our web site for the latest news and links to
photos and videos. Check us out on the web at
www.christchurchlincoln.org

Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at our
web site. Be among the first to know what's hap-
pening and read inspiring thoughts each week,

Find us on Facebook – search for “Christ Church
Lincoln” and join our group for discussion and
news.

Notices

New Formation Opportunity: Alpha

“Why did Jesus die? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I resist evil? Why and how should I read the Bible?” This year at Christ Church, we are going to take some time to explore these questions and many more together as a community. On Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m., we will begin a thirteen-week adult formation program called Alpha. Alpha is a chance to ask these deep questions in a non-judgmental, no pressure atmosphere. Each Thursday we will gather from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. to share a meal, hear a short talk on one of the big questions of faith, and then join in small group discussion. If you’re just getting started on your faith journey, Alpha is the perfect place to begin. If you’re looking for a way to grow and deepen your faith, Alpha will help you do just that. We hope that everyone at Christ Church will consider participating in this exciting formation opportunity. For more information, or to sign up call or e-mail Scott (401-725-1920, sgunn@christchurchlincoln.org).

Bazaar Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for this year’s bazaar on Wednesday, August 12, at 700 p.m. All booth and other function chairs are invited, as well as anyone interested in helping or learning more about this year’s bazaar. See Joel Gardner (401-762-1352, jbgard@aol.com) for more information.

Basket news

We have begun to make baskets for the bazaar. This year we are asking for monetary donations to help us make specific theme baskets. Please make checks payable to “Christ Church” with “Baskets” in the memo line, or give cash contributions to the office. Thank you for your support of this ministry. Contact Joan Reid (401-333-1252) to learn more.

Christ Church thermal mugs

The 175th Anniversary thermal mugs are still available for \$10 each. Please see Jay Rabbitt, Bob Kay, or call the Parish Office.

Serving those who Serve

We have been praying for someone from Christ Church who is deployed in Afghanistan: Jay McPhail, grandson of Cindy Horan. Jay and his unit have asked for some help getting a few things they don’t have access to in the remote area of Afghanistan. We are collecting donations to send to Jay and his unit of 20 Marines. They need toilet tissue, baby wipes, white socks, neutral colored bandanas, individual powdered sports drink mixes and snacks, crossword puzzles, word game books, playing cards and magazines. Please consider picking up an item or two while you’re doing your shopping, and bringing it in to send to our service men and women. We also need money for postage, if there is anyone who would like to donate a monetary gift. You can give items to Joe Bruckner (401-724-2642) or place them in the marked box in the church entrance.

Mass on the Grass – save the date

Join us for an outdoor service on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. This year it will be held at Lincoln Woods State Park. There will be more information to follow.

Gala dinner – save the date

As part of our 175 Anniversary Celebration, we are planning a Gala Dinner Dance to be held at Twelve Acres on Saturday, September 26. More information will be coming, but please mark the date on your calendar. Speak with Margaret Walsh or Elaine DaRosa for more information.

ECW Retreat Change

The Episcopal Church Women’s Retreat will be held at the Canonicus Conference and Retreat Center (54 Exeter Road, Exeter, R. I.) beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 2 and ending at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 3.

In lieu of scheduled facilitator Ann Hood, we welcome Rudy Wilson Galdonik, a speaker, humorist and author of inspirational stories published in “Teatime Stories for Women”, “Stories of God’s Abundance” and “Teens Can Bounce Back.” Her program is entitled: “When God Says, ‘Go Take a Hike:’ Stepping Out in Faith.” The cost of the retreat is \$100, with a \$35 deposit required by September 8. **Scholarships are available.** For information and to make a reservation, contact Elaine DaRosa, by phone (401-295-5758) or e-mail (BigE824@hotmail.com).