



HERE IS MY COMMANDMENT FOR YOU.
LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
THIS IS THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL,
TO PUT ASIDE YOUR OWN WANTS FOR THOSE OF YOUR FRIENDS.
YOU ARE MY FRIENDS IF YOU LOVE EACH OTHER.

JOHN 15: 12-15

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
9 AM



BRING YOUR KIDS TO CHURCH!

Religious upbringing is linked to better health
and well-being during early adulthood

According to a study from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health...



HEALTHY, HAPPY KIDS

Kids and teens who are raised with religious or spiritual practices tend to have better health and mental health as they age.

POSITIVITY & LIFE SATISFACTION

Researchers found that people who attended weekly religious services or practiced daily prayer or meditation in their youth reported greater life satisfaction and positivity in their 20s...than people raised with less regular spiritual habits.



HELPS ME REMEMBER I AM PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER IN THIS WORLD

They were also almost 30% more likely to do volunteer work and 33% less likely to use drugs in their 20s as well."

WE OFFER A VARIETY OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

"Messy Church" Eucharist 9am Sundays

Parents & young children worship in a relaxed atmosphere while children do a craft that reflects the Gospel

Children's Chapel (3-7 years)

Our "Sunday School" for young children during the sermon, returning after the Peace

The St. Nicholas Choir (Grade K-2)

Our weekly rehearsals are full of joy and music

Children's Choir (ages 8+)

Open to anyone who loves to sing

Acolytes (ages 8+)

Serve as torch bearers & banner bearers

"Bagels and Bibles" (Grades 3-5)

Children gather every Sunday during the first half of the service for Bible lessons and conversations about faith

Confirmation Students will learn and explore faith in a robust program

Holy Communion Classes "Grapes & Grains"

(Grades 1-3) Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm

Youth Group (High School & Middle School) Students gather for meaningful and faith filled conversations.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5, 2024 · 9 a.m.

Messy Church

Please stand as the music begins

Opening Song *sung by all*

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

- 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Refrain:

*You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light*

- 3 O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

<i>Priest</i>	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer (Collect)

<i>Priest</i>	Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. Amen.
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Please sit

The Epistle

Acts 10:44-48

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was preaching, the Holy Spirit overtook everyone who was listening to him. And the people who'd always been churchgoers were astounded that the gift of the Spirit had been poured out even on people who never went to church! You could hear them speaking in languages they didn't even know and praising God in all kinds of languages. Peter said, "There's nothing stopping us from baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just like we have, is there?" And they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. The people invited Peter to stay with them to visit for a few days. And he did.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples, "My Father loves me in the same way that I love you. Take in that love and rest in it. If you keep my commandments, you will show that you are 'in' my love, just as I do what my Father wants and I live in his love. I'm telling you this so you can feel joy, deep down and bubbling over. Here is my commandment for you. Love each other as I have loved you. This is the greatest love of all, to put aside your own wants for those of your friends. You are my friends if you love each other. You may think you chose me, but I really chose you. Now I'm choosing to send you out to go bear fruit, that is, to make something of this love that has been poured into you. If you need anything to do this job, just ask and my Father will give it to you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *please sit after the opening prayer*

The Rev. Deacon Susie McNiff

Kids' Creed (The Nicene Creed) *standing, said by all*

Priest Do you believe in God?

People We Believe!

Priest Do you believe in Jesus?

People We Believe!

Priest Do you Believe in the Holy Spirit?
People We Believe!
Priest Do you believe in one holy Church?
People We Believe!
Priest Do you believe in the forgiveness of sins?
People We believe!

Our Prayers

Please stand

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Hellos and What's Happening

	<h2>Digital plate offering</h2> <p>Our parishioners fund our church. We do not receive money from the Diocese or National Episcopal Church. Please prayerfully consider donating to our growing community of faith.</p>	...or donate via Realm: Scan this QRCode
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<small>Please consider monthly or annual intentional giving. For more info: Elizabeth Peyton epeyton@christchurchgreenwich.org</small>		

Please stand as we offer our gifts to God and we sing together a hymn of praise:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest

All thanks and praise
Are yours at all times and in all places,
Our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Priest


Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Priest And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 And the power, and the glory.
 For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation

	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Receive Communion</p> <p>All are invited to receive Communion. Extend both hands palms up, placing one hand directly on top of the other. You can dip the bread into the wine or sip from the cup at all stations. For gluten free (GF) wafers, please extend both palms down. A special GF chalice is available on the credence table.</p> <p>Members of our Pastoral Care Team take Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound, reside in local assisted living or nursing facilities.</p>
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Communion Song *sung by all*

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh, You are my portion
And You are my hiding place, oh

I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life

I believe
Through every blessing
Through every promise

Through every breath I take
I believe that You are Provider
Oh, You are Protector
You are the One I love, oh

I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
Oh, You are
Oh, You are

And it's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long when

I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are

Post Communion Prayer *said by all*

Priest and People **God, You have given us the bread of life and the cup which saves us; you have brought us together and made us one with you and all your people in heaven and on earth. Now, with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, send us out into the world to love all people. Amen.**

Closing Song *sung by all*

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive Alive forevermore

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive
Alive forevermore

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forevermore

Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
My Jesus is alive

Jesus He is alive Jesus is alive (4x)

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive Alive forevermore

Alive Alive Alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

Sing Hallelujah Sing Hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forever more

Sing Hallelujah Sing Hallelujah
My Jesus is alive My Jesus is alive

Jesus He is alive Jesus is alive (2x)

Dismissal

<i>Deacon</i>	Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



Upcoming Events

Reserve your spot on christchurchgreenwich.org

Sunday, May 5, 11:15 am Sunday Forum with The Very Rev. Dane Boston **Parish Hall**

“Come Boldly Unto the Throne of Grace: Cathedral Ministry in the 21st Century and Beyond.”
Join us as the Very Reverend Dane Boston, our former curate and now Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina, explores the purpose of cathedrals in the current and future Church.

Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 pm, Preach & Teach with Rev. Tim Hamlin **Chapel**

Join us at lunchtime for this 30 minute Holy Eucharist. Lunch will be served after the service on the first Wednesday of every month. In-person only.

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm, Fire & Friends **Tomes-Higgins House**

The women of the parish gather for fun, fellowship, and delicious bites while we discuss a range of topics. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden and other wonderful women from our community.

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 - 11:30 am Volunteer for Spring Treat Boxes! **Parish Hall**

Help bring springtime joy into the lives of parishioners who need cheer. We need volunteers to donate cookies (preferably home-baked) and to help create decorative boxes (with instruction!). We especially need volunteers to deliver the boxes to local parishioners who are so happy to receive thoughtful gifts from their church. Sign up on the CCG website.

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm, Author Talk with Peter Layne Arguimbau **Dogwood Books & Gifts**

Renowned painter Peter Layne Arguimbau is most notorious for his classical marines. His work is owned by art collectors all over the world. The focus of his life's work has been applying his skill through his love of the sea, producing masterpieces of America's Cup contenders to every class of vessel ranging from fine racing sloops, schooners, catboats and dinghies. Peter sails on S/Y Molly Rose, a 30 foot catboat built in 1935, that he frequently uses as his summer studio. Peter is going to talk about his life and work in an evening of conversation with a reception.

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm, Author Talk with Patricia Chadwick **Dogwood Books & Gifts**

In her newest book, “Breaking Glass: Tales from the Witch of Wall Street,” Patricia Walsh Chadwick continues to tell the story of her bizarre upbringing that she began in her 2019 memoir, Little Sister. In this coming-of-age follow-up, she revisits her childhood through a different lens, offering insights into how the experiences of her early life shaped her character and helped her forge her path in business and finance.



**A choral concert celebrating
90 years
of the Choirs of Christ Church Greenwich
Sung by the Combined Choirs
of Christ Church Greenwich
Saturday, June 1, 5:00 pm**

Director of Music Jamie Hitel will be joined by Visiting Artist Dr Philip Moore and Visiting Artist-in-Residence Professor James O'Donnell directing the choirs in music based around the theme of 'Joy'.

A reception will follow the concert.

JOY!



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