

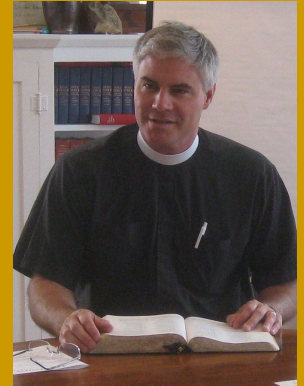
# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Welcome !

I would like to welcome you to Christ Episcopal Church. While Christ Church has served Winchester for over 200 years, we are constantly challenged to find new ways to serve today's community - people of all ages, from near and far, with various spiritual experiences and backgrounds. This brochure is just a glimpse of our parish community and is an invitation to you. In it, we hope you might discover ways to join us in our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please feel free to contact me directly or the church office to learn more about Christ Church.

Faithfully,

*The Reverend Webster Gibson, Rector*



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## WORSHIP

- A traditional Holy Eucharist, without music, is offered every **Sunday at 8:00 am**. This is the Rite I liturgy. Ushers will greet you, give you a bulletin, and help with any special needs you may have.
- Our **Sunday 10:30 am** service is Holy Eucharist with full choir. This is the Rite II liturgy. Nursery care is provided on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Ushers will greet you, give you a bulletin, help direct your children to the nursery or Children's Chapel, and assist with any special needs you may have.
- Monday through Friday, **Morning Prayer** is held in the Pilgrim's Chapel at 7:30 am.
- Weekly **Wednesday Noonday Holy Eucharist** is in the Pilgrim's Chapel. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, a healing service is celebrated.
- On the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, we host a **Special Needs service** in the main sanctuary for people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and all interested others.
- On the first and third Thursday of each month, we celebrate the **Eucharist at Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury**, a local retirement community, for residents there and guests. The service is at Noon.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

### Young Children

- For infants and children under 3, the staffed nursery is available during the 10:30 am service.
- For children 3-7, there is Children's Chapel during the 10:30 am service.
- Sunday school classes are from 9:30 am until 10:15 am for children from Kindergarten to 5th Grade.

### Youth

Youth participate in the Journey to Adulthood program beginning in 6th grade. In the first two years, called Rite 13, young people explore their creative gifts and abilities while building a strong faith community of peers. J2A is the second section of the program. In 8th and 9th grades, young people in J2A begin to learn and practice six basic skills of adulthood: active listening, assertion, negotiation, research and information management, partnership and leadership. At the end of the second year of J2A, these young people explore the mystery of their faith heritage by designing and going on a Holy Pilgrimage. After their pilgrimage, the group becomes YAC (Young Adults in Church). They take ownership of their place in the church as young adults by exploring different church ministries and leadership opportunities. Youth classes are also at 9:30 am on Sundays.

### Adults

Adults may join in Adult Forum groups which meet at 9:30 am on Sundays and discuss various topics. There are also opportunities for bible study and other groups.



## PARISH PROGRAMS

### Fellowship

Again, fellowship at Christ Church is for young and old alike, separately or together. Coffee Hour on Sunday is the best example of parishioners coming together to visit and share. More structured groups also meet regularly, such as the Men's Fellowship Group, and some events, like the parish picnic, occur annually. Please see the church calendar for fellowship events.

### Outreach and Mission

Looking beyond our church community to help those in need is a priority at Christ Church. Outreach projects are numerous and ongoing. Some of the projects include Salvation Army dinners, monthly collections for the local Congregational Community Action Project (CCAP), administration of the Marie Cooper Trust Fund, missionary work in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and more. Christ Church's Treasure Box is an arm of the outreach program; it's a church-run thrift shop which donates proceeds to outreach causes.

### Music

Music is an integral part of worship, and even fellowship, at Christ Church. We are fortunate to have very talented, experienced staff leading our choirs and great participation from parishioners. The adult choir sings with our wonderful organ on Sundays at 10:30 am. The Alleluia Singers are 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders who sing at selected services, and the Cherub Choir are our youngest singers. There are also handbell choirs - one for adults and one for children.

### Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care at Christ Church encompasses efforts aimed to care for the Christ Church family and extended family. The Knit Unto Others ministry crafts prayer shawls for the sick and the Intercessory Prayer Group is a small dedicated group of parishioners who pray independently (and at special services) for those members of the congregation who have requested prayers. The Parish Nurse counsels parishioners on health-related matters, visits the ill, and is the liaison to community resources and services.

*Sharing Christ's love away from the church...*





## PARISH LIFE

