The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community, which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit.

We have been at this location in the city since 1845 and continually strive to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. A number of Detroit's founding families established this church. Today, we are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBT, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We are a neighborhood church for city residents, and also a destination congregation for those from surrounding areas or across the Canadian border. We are all here because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because we have found community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you too will find a home among us.

All blessings, The People of Christ Church Detroit

#### NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

These Sundays after the Epiphany are golden for church musicians (but then I think that all liturgical seasons are beautiful and extraordinary.) We have made it through the festivals of Christmas and Epiphany with flair. The Sundays after Epiphany allow us to sing our alleluias and as the psalmist says "blow the trumpet in the new moon" before our solemn observance of Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>. To make the most of this time, for this Sunday the choir is singing a new work in our choral library, "O All Ye Works" (*Festival Benedicite*) by Philip W. J. Stopford (b. 1977), which is the first movement of a three-part work written by this British composer. We have several of his pieces in our choral library and I am so happy to add this great piece. At the Eucharist, the choir is singing an old favorite, Herbert Howell's (1892-1983) setting of a beautiful poem "Here is the Little Door" by Frances Chesterton, who was the wife of famous author G. K. Chesterton and a brilliant writer in her own right. As we enter our annual meeting, I can't help but think of this poem in connection to our faith and our beloved Christ Church Detroit: we encounter Christ here as did the magi so long ago. We bring to the Lord's service whatever talents we already posses. We also receive new gifts and empowerment. We can only respond to God's call in the moment—and in that respond of love, we put our first foot forward on the path of discipleship, from which there is no turning back. — *Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, Director of Music* 

The cover art, "Calling of Saint James and Saint John", is one of 350 watercolors in the collection *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ* by French painter James Tissot (1836-1902). In order to research this project, which chronicles the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament, Tissot traveled to Syria, Egypt, and Palestine in 1886-87 and again in 1890. It is fascinating to imagine that while some of our earliest Syrian ancestors were leaving their homeland for the United States, and finally Detroit, Tissot himself may have been visiting Syria. Author Terry Glaspey recounts that "while in the Holy Land, [Tissot] closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining aura in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus." "Calling of Saint James and Saint John" is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University. *— The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector* 

# **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please email announcements to Beth Ann Tesluk, Associate for Communications, at <u>bethann@christcd.org</u> by Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bulletins are printed on Thursdays.

> **Readings for Next Sunday, The Presentation of our Lord:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

#### **SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST** Please continue to pray for these persons:

Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Cordelia Brown, Harold Cherry, Donna Cillette, Asha Dhanarajan, Kathryn Ellis, Sarah Esse, Bill Fleming Sr., Christine Franklin, Mary Gaines, Carol Gilhuly, Anna Herold, Lauren Keils, Nan Keils, Mark Klein, Julia Lenhard, Karen Mason, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Brigitte Meide, Loretta Meide, Joseph Mondalek, Deana Peck, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Bill Solomon, Lisa Staif, Michael Thompson, Rosewhitha Wallace, Karen White.

**Annual Meeting TODAY:** The Vestry invites you to Christ Church's Annual Meeting at noon! We will celebrate some of the changes, challenges, and joys that 2019 has brought, plan and dream about what 2020 may bring, receive ministry updates, and review the business of the church, including introduction of new candidates for vestry, and a presentation of the 2020 operating budget. The Vestry will be providing a light lunch. See you there!

**Shelter Week is coming!** During the week of February 1-8, Christ Church will host 40 homeless men & women. Sign up in the Atrium to be a part of this amazing, enriching experience. For more information, please contact Genet Barthwell (313-341-9649) or Seth Lloyd (313-882-2466). We are collecting donations of socks (men's & women's), towels, and blankets in support of Shelter Week. Look for the designated collection bins in Ledyard Hall, and thank you!

A **memorial service for Nancy vom Steeg** will be held on Sunday, February 16, at 1:00pm in the church. A special coffee hour luncheon in her memory will be held that day at 12:00pm. All are welcome and invited.

A **memorial service for Marjorie Keils** will be held on Saturday, February 29, at 10:30am (10:00am visitation) in the church, and will be followed by a luncheon. All are welcome and invited.

**Handbell Choir:** The Handbell Choir is taking a well-deserved break, and rehearsals will resume on January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Was one of your New Year's resolutions to learn a new skill? Join the Handbell Choir! We rehearse once a week, and no prior experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Ed at edmakischramm@gmail.com.

**Dialogues of the Carmelites at CCD:** Opera MODO will be performing Francis Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites* at Christ Church the weekend of February 21 & 22, at 7:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit http://www.operamodo.com/upcoming.

**Apollo5 in Concert:** International award-winning British vocal ensemble Apollo5 will be performing at Christ Church Detroit on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door, available via Eventbrite.com. Christ Church Detroit's concert is not only an incredible event for our church, but also a great investment in our city's artistic culture and next generation of music-loving citizens as they will making up to 5 visits to Detroit public schools while they are here to encourage young people to keep singing well. We hope that you will join us on March 1st!

**Hospitality Needed:** We are looking for Host Families for some of the Apollo5 singers during their 4-night stay. This involves providing a private bedroom and perhaps a simple breakfast for the morning. The rest of their meals and rides will be provided by Ed & their management. To help, please contact Ed: 734-644-8167, emakischramm@gmail.com.

**Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry**: On Saturday, February 8, 2020, with God willing and the People consenting, the Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry will be ordained and consecrated as the Eleventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. The consecration will take place at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (doors open at 9:00 a.m.). To find directions, contribute to the bishop-elect's new vestments, reserve complimentary childcare, please visit **edomi.org/consecration**. In addition, all are invited to an Open House at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Several CCD members are helping to plan and lead the events, and it is sure to be a thoroughly exciting, joyful, and momentous time!

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a name to add to the Prayers of the People, please contact Sarah Tribelhorn, Associate for Operations, at sarah@christcd.org. We also have a box (at the Atrium entrance) to receive your private written prayers, which will be remembered by the Thursday Meditation Group. Please continue to pray through the week for those named in both the Prayers of the People and the Sustaining List in the bulletin.

**Crossroads Donations – January 'Ask of the Month':** Underwear – Men's, Women's, Children (all sizes). Contact Eileen Macdonald or Calebria Webb if you have any questions. Thank you for your donations!

# CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 26 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: 8:15am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 8:30-9:30am Breakfast (Ledyard Hall) – open to all, \$5 suggested donation 9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 9:15am Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church) 9:30am Youth Sunday School (Lower Level) 9:30am Adult Bible Study (Sibley House Parlor) 11:45am Coffee Hour (Ledyard Hall) 12:00pm Annual Meeting (Ledyard Hall) 2:00-6:00pm Opera MODO rehearsal (Choir Room)
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- 29 10:00am Holy Spokes bicycle repair ministry (Ledyard Hall)
- 30 11:00am Meditation (Cary Lounge)5:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

## **F**EBRUARY

- 9:00am-2:00pm Partners for Sacred Places workshop (Cary Lounge)
   10:00am AA & GA Groups (Ledyard Hall and Lower Level)
   10:00am-12:00 pm Consecration Choir Rehearsal (St. Andrews, Ann Arbor, 306 N Division St.)
   11:00am-4:00pm Opera MODO rehearsal (Choir Room)
   Shelter Week Begins!
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  7:00pm Shelter Week Evening Prayer (Church)
- 7 6:30-10:00pm Meet & Greet the Bishop-Elect (The Henry, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn)
- 8 10:30am Consecration of the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop (Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave)

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9:30am Adult Bible Study (Sibley House Parlor)
11:45am Coffee Hour (Ledyard Hall)

- 12:15pm Buildings & Grounds Committee (Sibley House Parlor)
- 2:00-6:00pm Opera MODO rehearsal (Choir Room)

Coming Soon

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with Burning of the Palms, February 25 Ash Wednesday, February 26 Opera MODO performs Dialogues of the Carmelites at CCD, February 21-22 Apollo5 performs at CCD, March 1

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