

## 2025 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THANKS!

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**Pledge Envelopes** for 2025 are available to be picked up at the Sanctuary/Atrium entrance. With any questions, please contact Joshilyn Hoisington ([joshilyn@christcd.org](mailto:joshilyn@christcd.org), 313-259-6688). Thanks!

**All Pledges Gratefully Received:** If you haven't yet pledged your support of Christ Church Detroit I 2025 but wish to, please fill out a pledge card here in the sanctuary (available near the entryways) or online at [christcd.org/pledge-card](http://christcd.org/pledge-card). With any questions about making a pledge or gifts to the church, please contact Joshilyn ([joshilyn@christcd.org](mailto:joshilyn@christcd.org)) or Beth Ann ([bethann@christcd.org](mailto:bethann@christcd.org)) or call the office.

**Annual Meeting:** The 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Christ Church of the City of Detroit will take place next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in Ledyard Hall, with light lunch provided. Look forward to seeing you at this lively session, which will include celebrations and updates from 2024, and goals and plans for the year ahead. If you can lend a hand with lunch, please sign up in the Atrium.

### **Annual Meeting Invitation, from Ruth Boeder**

*"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13a,14a)*

*Organizational governance: everyone's favorite topic! Certainly, the inner workings of a group can often be weird. Agendas, meetings, roll call, voting—these can be a little mysterious, intimidating even. In our culture, these collective, participatory processes are generally how we form and preserve our groups, but the ways that particular groups handle these tasks can be very revealing of their distinct characters.*

*Here at Christ Church, that's what we do in our annual meeting. We'll read and hear reports from various committees, reminding us of how we bring salt and light into the world. As those stories are documented, they become our history. As we hear recommendations, we discern the path laid for us to walk. When we vote, we choose our future with prayer and joy.*

*We are the body of Christ in this place, a body that needs all of its members. Everyone who is 16+ years old, has been attending for 6 months, and is a communicant in good standing at Christ Church is eligible to vote at our meeting. (If you have specific questions about that, ask Rev. Emily!) I hope to see you there.*

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LITURGY

**Feast of Absalom Jones, February 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Right Reverend Doctor Bonnie A. Perry has invited Christ Church to host the annual diocesan celebration of the Life and Ministry of The Reverend Absalom Jones, Prophet, Priest, and Pastor, on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The preacher will be the Right Reverend Kym Lucas, 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado. Please mark your calendars to attend this important event in the life of our parish, diocese, and city, and look out for ways to help.

**A New Season of Centering Prayer:** Centering prayer returns online, meeting on Zoom each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. If you are new to this practice, it is described by Contemplative Outreach ([contemplativeoutreach.org](http://contemplativeoutreach.org)) as a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence...a prayer in which we can experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Contact Kathryn Treece ([treecekat@gmail.com](mailto:treecekat@gmail.com)) or see the eNews for the Zoom link and more information.

**Bishop Perry Visits, April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Mark your calendars for an official visit from Bishop Bonnie Perry on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>! The service will include confirmations and receptions into the Episcopal Church. Inquirers' and confirmation classes will take place in March-April. Stay tuned!

## MUSIC

**Finding Your Voice, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Join the Detroit Women's Chorus for their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Finding Your Voice showcase, a unique celebration for treble (high-register) voices and full treble choirs featuring performances, group singing, workshops, and 2025 keynote speaker Markeisha Washington. It will be held at Christ Church Detroit on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-5:00 p.m. The DWC fosters empowerment through creative expression. Learn more & register: [detroitwomenschorus.org](http://detroitwomenschorus.org).

**Candlelight Concerts:** The next Candlelight Concerts here at Christ Church will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> featuring film scores arranged for string quartet: The Best of Hans Zimmer (*The Dark Knight*, *Dune*, among others) at 6:30 p.m. and The Best of Joe Hisaishi (*My Neighbour Totoro*, *Spirited Away*, among others) at 8:45 p.m. Brand new Candlelight "Bridgerton on Strings" concerts will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and February 21<sup>st</sup>. Bring your friends! See [feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight](http://feverup.com/en/detroit/candlelight).

## OUTREACH

**Shelter Week Returns:** Once again, Christ Church will provide meals and overnight shelter to neighbors involved at Cass Community Social Services, from March 8-15<sup>th</sup>. Look for info coming soon!

**Amazed by Generosity!** Here are the final numbers for our 2024 Advent Diaper & Formula Drive:

- 21,278 diapers (surpassing the goal of 19,000!), 2,068 wipes, & 2,046 4-oz bottles of formula

The incredible generosity of our parishioners and friends continues to astonish me! And our three charities—Crossroads of Michigan, COTS, and Brilliant Detroit—are blessed by our donations. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support! — *submitted by Eileen MacDonald*

**Climate Resilience Grant Award:** Christ Church Detroit is extremely honored and grateful to be one of 15 faith-based and/or food assistance programs in Detroit selected to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's Community Change Grants Program. Each site will receive energy efficiency improvements, electrification upgrades, solar panels and battery storage, green stormwater infrastructure, and electric vehicle chargers to create a ride share program. These improvements will allow each site to become a "climate resilience hub", where community services can continue regardless of weather challenges. Read more at [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org).

## EDUCATION

**Newcomers' Gathering Coming Soon:** If you're new, or feeling new, or want to meet new people at Christ Church Detroit, please look out for an announcement soon about a Newcomers' Gathering being scheduled for February. It will be an opportunity to join Rev. Emily and members of our Welcome Committee at a local restaurant to hang out, enjoy refreshments, and learn more about one another and our life together at Christ Church. Also, an Inquirers' Course is being scheduled for March-April.

**Preparing for Sunday on Tuesdays!** Want to understand the Sunday Scriptures more deeply? Join Sandy Zull and others on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in Cary Lounge for lively, informal explorations of the upcoming Sunday Scriptures: the assigned Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings. Previously called Lectio Divina, the group is now using a slightly different discussion format. All are warmly welcome and invited, and no preparation is necessary! The noonday prayer service that had followed discussion is on pause. Contact Sandy ([zull.sandraf@gmail.com](mailto:zull.sandraf@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Spirituality of Hozho: The Beauty Way and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland:** The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross invite you to join them in fellowship for a Zoom presentation about the Spirituality of Hozho with the Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton, Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland. The essence of Hozho is to live in harmony and balance in creation with Jesus being the center of the Beauty Way. Our hope is to get to know God through the lens of the Diné culture and spirituality. Breakfast and lunch will be served, and donations are welcome. RSVP by text or email by today to 248-444-4417 or [annecampbell@mac.com](mailto:annecampbell@mac.com).

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera St., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Learn more about the Companions at [schccompanions.org](http://schccompanions.org) or by talking with Edwina Simpson, Barbara Cushing, or Denise Crenshaw, as they are all active members of this wonderful organization!

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebrations:** Tomorrow, Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, is MLK Day, and here are just a few excellent events to consider attending. (Note: the church office will be closed tomorrow.)

- *"Sixty Years After Selma and We're Still Marching": A Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, broadcast tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at [wayne.edu/live](http://wayne.edu/live)
- *22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLK Day Rally and March*, tomorrow, 12:00 p.m., St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 8850 Woodward Ave, Detroit: [mlkdetroit.org](http://mlkdetroit.org)
- *Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. at the Motown Museum*, tomorrow, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Motown Museum, 2658 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit: [motownmuseum.org](http://motownmuseum.org)
- *The Strength to Dream: Resilience in the Legacy of Dr. King*, tomorrow, all day, The Wright Museum, 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, [thewright.org](http://thewright.org)
- *MLK, Jr. Day Celebration: Remembering the Life of Freedom Rider Viola Liuzzo*, tomorrow, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave, [detroithistorical.org](http://detroithistorical.org)

### SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

*Genet Barthwell, Christopher Beck, Stacey Becker, Ed Beverly, Dorothy Coleman, Margie Deeb, Michelene Dib, Judy Fallon, Debbie Faust, Christine Franklin, Elisha Gerow, Sally Granger, Ronald Griffin, Richard Householder, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Kelly, Eve Laurer, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Julia Lenhard, Edna Lock, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Becky Moses Normore, Linda Olivache, Pat, Randy, Lori Riggen, Parker Roberts, Gretchen Rudy, Irene Ryke, Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, John & Donna Wetzel*

## ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGICAL ARTS

*The altar flowers and greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Solomon, dedicated by his wife Mary Lou and all his family. Tom loved his family and he loved to garden. His memorial service took place yesterday, on the same day as the feast of the confession of St. Peter. In that array of scriptures, we find a familiar phrase from Psalm 23, which fits so well with Tom's natural hospitality, including his love for raising and sharing vegetables: "You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me..." Tom's bright smile spread tables of kindness; his generous spirit set tables of hope. It is a gift to admire the beauty of the "fruits of the earth", our dependence upon them improved by the healthy lifestyle found in the action of gardening, and our dependence upon one another grown and sustained by, like Tom, spreading kindness.*

The image on the cover is called *A Choice* (2018) by Lauren Wright Pittman, who writes, "Jesus offers a layered and complicated choice, one that is as complex as his own dualistic nature. The first option is self-denial, a heavy burden, and a lost—but saved—life. The second is gaining the whole world, but forfeiting life... The choice isn't an obvious one. One side looks like an opulent pile of riches, a crown, and endless power, while the other looks like tattered and worn hands with new life blooming out of wounds, work, burdens, and relationships ... It's a decision to be made every single day, one moment at a time. In working for and with the downtrodden, poor, orphaned, widowed, ostracized, and oppressed, we will find ourselves." It is a choice that Martin Luther King, Jr., made and led continually, and inspires to this day, as we honor his birthday and legacy. *A Choice* is reprinted with permission by the artist © Lauren Wright Pittman, accessed at lewpstudio.com.

We begin our service with the choir singing the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing", in tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our fantastic arrangement is by Roland Carter (b. 1942), composer, arranger, conductor, pianist, researcher, and teacher. At the offertory, the choir sings "We Shall Overcome", arranged by G. Phillip Shultz, III. While primarily known for its association to the Civil Rights Movement and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the origin of "We Shall Overcome" is complex and diverse – with portions of the melody tracing back to 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe, elements of style emerging from the gospel tradition, and portions of the text finding roots in the labor rights movement of the 1940s. You are encouraged to look up Charles Albert Tindley, Atron Twig, Kenneth Morris, Lucille Simmons, Zilphia Horton, and Pete Seeger to learn more about how each one contributed to the song's evolution into what it has become today: an anthem for freedom that is sung around the globe. All music is reprinted & streamed under OneLicense #A-725867.

## ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music &amp; Organist</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir
<i>Lector</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward; 10:30 Dave Faust
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	8:15 Letha Ann Steward 10:30 Chuck Atwater, Anthony Mitchell, Bobbi Gaspar, Edwina Simpson
<i>Usher</i>	Sonia Charron-Jones
<i>Livestream Team</i>	Caleb Barger, Taylor Matthew
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Josephine Powell, Liza Parkinson
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Richard Thomas
<i>Breakfast Team</i>	Lisa Jones, Clarke Mason, Anthony Mitchell
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Ruth Boeder
<i>Children's Assistant</i>	Ari Medvinsky