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Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

November 16, 2025



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director
khofmann@christelca.org

-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Traditional Order of Worship

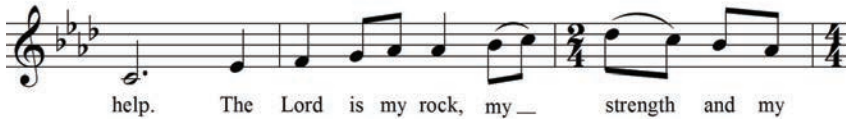
GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION (stand)

In God Alone
Haas



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**SHARING
OF THE PEACE**
(stand)

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*

OPENING HYMN
*O Holy Spirit,
Enter In*
Schirmer, Nicolai

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in

work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -

O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you

in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your

giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

**APOSTOLIC
GREETING**

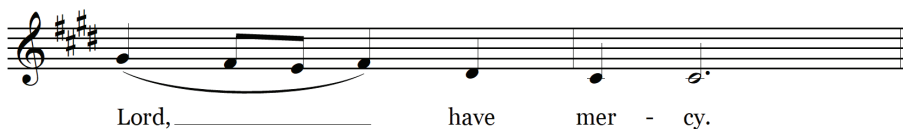
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.*

KYRIE

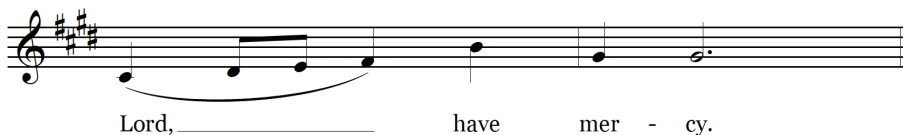
Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.*



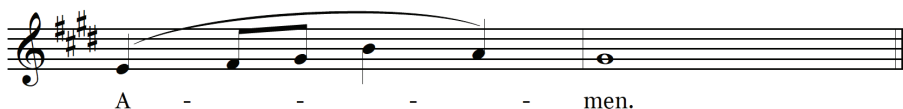
Leader: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



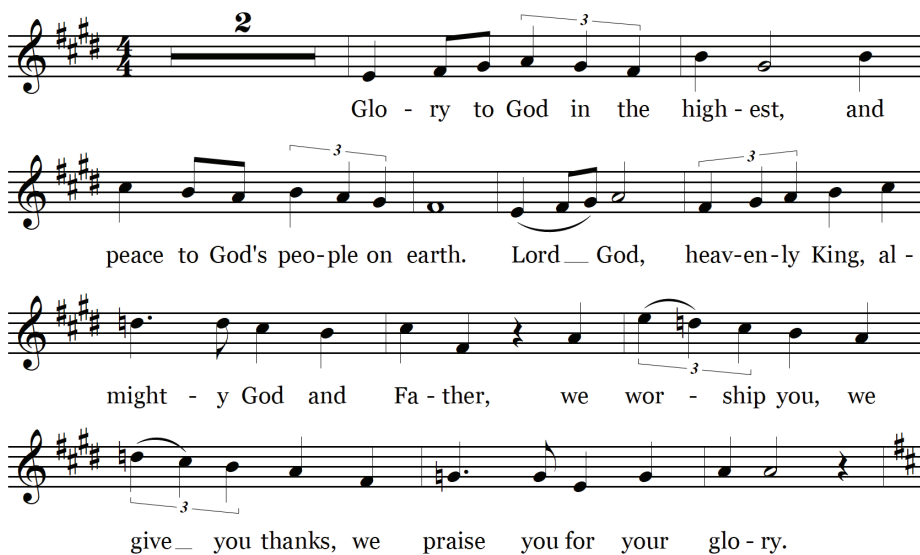
Leader: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*



Leader: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



GLORIA



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on
 us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Let us pray. You reveal yourself, O God, to those who are meek and humble of heart; to them you bestow the inheritance of your kingdom. Set our hearts free from every burden of pretension and refresh our weary souls with the teaching of Christ, that with him we may shoulder the gentle yoke of the cross, and proclaim to everyone the joy that comes from you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.***

READING
Genesis 1:28-2:3
(NRSV)
 (sit)

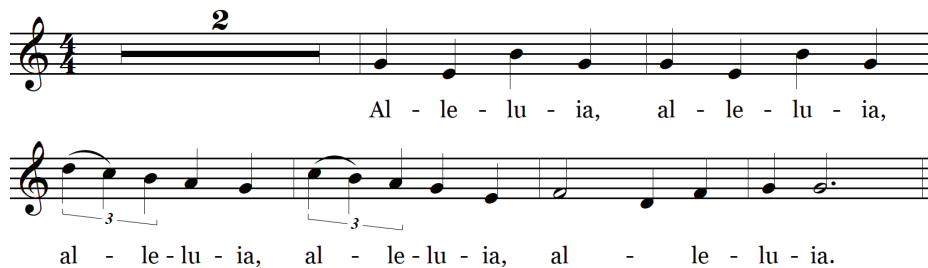
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION
Alleluia
 Bobb
 (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 11:28-30
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHRISTKIDS
DISMISSAL
 (sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.



HYMN OF THE DAY
Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

Dufner
 (stand)



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS
 (kneel/sit)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Tom Trenney
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(stand)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

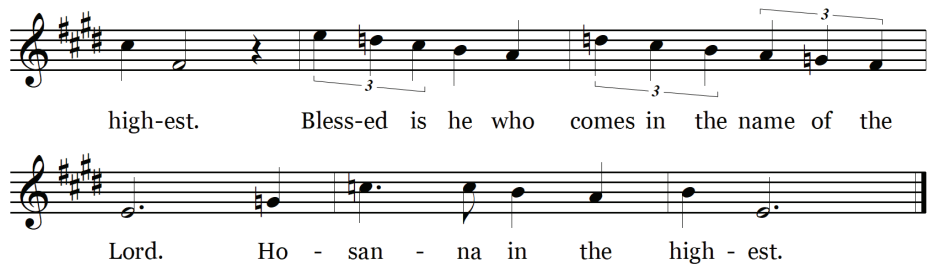
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



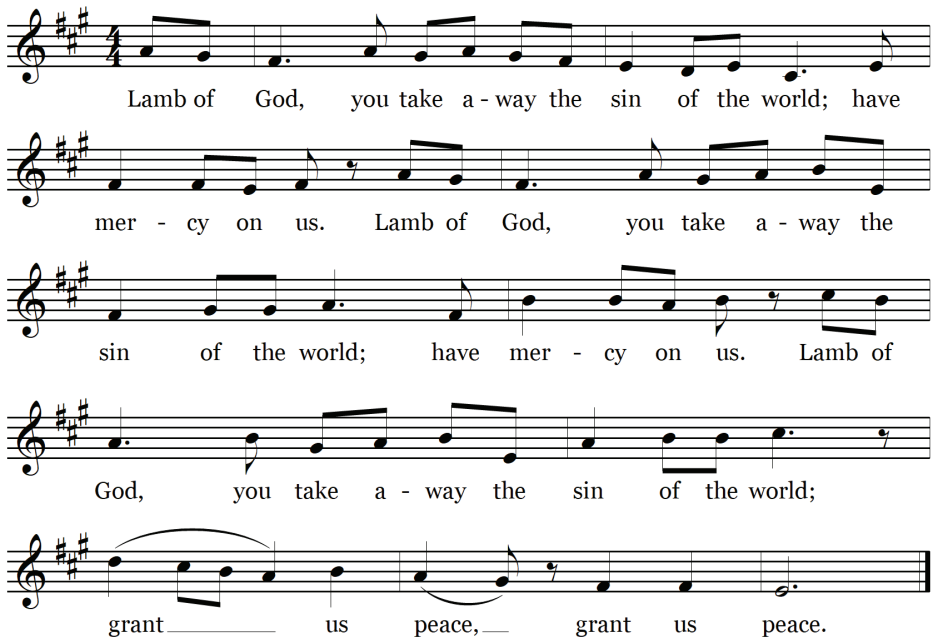
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God* (sit)



HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Dietrich Buxtehude
Mark Johanson, organ

BLESSING (stand)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Bonar



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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2025

Holiday Happenings

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, November 19

4:00 p.m. Christmas Wreath-Making Class

Help assemble wreaths that will decorate the campus • Register in REALM

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m. Alternative Gift Market

12:15 p.m. Advent Wreath Making Event for Families

Create Advent wreaths to take home & enjoy • Register in REALM

Saturday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Decorating Christ Lutheran for Christmas

Friday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Xperience Christmas Show

Saturday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Xperience Christmas Show

December 10–15

Christmas Shopping Family Sponsorship Event

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. Charlotte Pride Band presents: Home for the Holidays

Sunday, December 14

3:00 p.m. The Charlotte Concert Band presents: Holiday Echoes

For ticketing: charlotteconcertband.org/holidayechoes

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Luther Ringers & Joyful Noise Boys Concert @Windsor Run

Thursday, December 18

11:45 a.m. Third Thursday: Christmas Carols w/Carolina Voices Quartet

Register in REALM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Children's Service (Sanctuary) ^

Special service geared towards families with children aged 5th grade & under with festive songs, a special message & a craft

3:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve (Sanctuary) 🚗 📺

5:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve (Sanctuary) 🚗 📺

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

9:00 p.m. Traditional Worship (Christ Chapel) ^

Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m. One Service (Sanctuary)

-no Sunday School-

^ IN PERSON ONLY



NURSERY AVAILABLE (0-35 months)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE christelca.org/online

MONTHLY PARENT CLASS
Mental Wellness in a Modern World

meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Forum C

DATE
CHANGE

Topic for November 19: Resiliency

Explore what it takes to bounce back from life's challenges, both for kids and adults. Learn how to cultivate resilience as a family value and a personal strength.



Led by a mental health professional,
Trent Morrow, LCSW, of L&B Counseling.
Parents of children of all ages welcome!



Christmas Wreath-Making Class
Wednesday, November 19
4:00-5:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons

Join us for an afternoon class led by Caroline Diffley to help assemble wreaths that will be used to decorate the campus! No experience necessary.

Consider a \$10 donation to help offset the cost of materials.



Click/Scan to RSVP>>

Third **THURSDAY**
for adults of all ages

November 20

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch & a Thanksgiving pie-making class! Choose from cherry, apple or pumpkin. Ingredients & disposable pans provided. Bake your pie at church or take home to bake later.

\$15 • Click/Scan to Register>>
MORE INFO: awallace@christelca.org



November 26 • 6:30 p.m.
in Christ Chapel & Online
After worship, stay for pumpkin pie in Fellowship Hall.

No Wednesdays Ablaze Dinner/Classes

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Upcoming Dates

Fri., Nov. 21 • Cut Day
Sat., Nov. 22 • Build Day
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at Southland Workshop



NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!

We will be building beds for children. All skill levels needed.

Interested in helping?
Email Chris Barkoukis at
chris.barkoukis@shpbeds.org



Re-Membering Event
Sunday, November 23
12:30 p.m. in Forum A&B

Members who have recently joined CLC are invited to get together for lunch to talk about how your first steps into your new congregation are going.

Scan/Click for info & to register



Poinsettias

Purchase a plant in memory or honor of loved ones and help adorn our worship spaces on Christmas Eve. Plants may be taken home after worship on 12/28.

\$20 EACH • DUE BY DEC. 10
Scan/Click to Order



Decorating for Christmas

Helpers are needed to make Christ Lutheran Bow-dacious and Bough-tiful for the Christmas season. Families with supervised children are encouraged to help! No sign-up needed.

WE WILL MEET FOR SETUP ON
Saturday, November 29 (9:00am)

No RSVP Needed • Just Show Up!

MORE INFO: mjohanson@christelca.org
(teardown will be Jan. 10, 9:00 a.m.)





ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET



Sunday, November 23
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
in the Lower Commons



HIGH SCHOOL
Kate's
 Skating Rinks
 Indian Trail

Sunday, November 16 • 1-3 p.m.
 Join us for an afternoon of fun & laughter as we hit the skating rink together! Bring your friends and come ready to roll, hang out & make some great memories.

Scan/Click to Register



REALM

Stepping Stones
 CONFIRMATION
TEN COMMANDMENTS
Sunday, November 16
 4-6 p.m. in the Forum

7th graders and parents are invited to explore the 10 Commandments, discover their significance in their faith journey and create a keepsake.

Scan/Click to Register



REALM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
LOCK-IN

Fri., November 21 (8 p.m.) -
Sat., November 22 (8 a.m.)

Click/Scan to Register
 MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org



REALM

Advent Wreath Making
Event for Families
Sunday, November 23
 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a new family tradition as we create Advent wreaths to take home & enjoy for many years to come. Lunch, wreath supplies & candles are provided. This event is geared to preschool & elementary families. Cost: \$15

To help us plan for food & supplies,
Please Scan/Click to Register



REALM



Christmas Shopping for Nursing Home Residents

Last year, we were able to provide gifts for 100 residents at Trinity Place Lutheran Home in Albemarle. Thank you for your support!

We will be helping again this Christmas. Stop by the table in the Lower Commons

November 16th

to pick up a resident's name & wishlist. Bring back wrapped gifts by Dec. 7th.

MORE INFO: mparker@christelca.org

McPIE

McClintock PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Family Nights at McClintock
every Tuesday from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

To get involved, contact Angela:
adavis@christelca.org

Centering Prayer

Are you searching for a few moments to be still & meet God in silent prayer?

Join us 2nd & 4th Mondays
at noon in the Worship Parlor

MORE INFO:
Laura Tang (Lttang@earthlink.net)

URGENT NEED
FEED A FAMILY

DONATE onrealm.org/christelca/-/give/now

McPIE

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING Family Sponsorship Event

December 10-15

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:
Donate • Sponsor a Family • Volunteer



<<CLICK/SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS
more info: Angela (adavis@christelca.org)
or DeeDee (dpetronis@christelca.org)





located between the Ministry Center & Lower Commons

SUN | TUE | WED | THU
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

or by private appointment
call 704-366-1595 ext. 0

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christelca.org/latest-news/newsletter

Baptismal Class

Sun., November 23
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Mary Parker
mparker@christelca.org

ZOOM LINK:
christelca.org/online

Dates to Know

Wednesdays Ablaze

ends December 10 • resumes January 7, 2026

Sunday School

ends December 14 • resumes January 4, 2026

Worship on December 28

There will be only 1 service on Dec. 28
at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Online



Psalm 8: Eco-Friendly

Our small group sponsors roadside cleanup for 2.8 miles of Providence Road in front of the church and you're invited to join us for our next cleanup date:

Saturday, December 6

8:30 a.m. meet in church parking lot
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. cleanup

More info: Gordon Miller (gmliller9535@aol.com)



ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence will be hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday starting Dec. 4!



Overnight hosts, drivers and other volunteers needed!



<< Info & Signup:
signupgenius.com
Q lane.goode@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)
To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 10

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze

-SMALL GROUP-

KNITTERS FOR CHRIST

meets the 3rd Sunday of
each month • 10:00 a.m.

at Christ Providence
(Cornerstone Cafe)

ALL KNITTERS &
CROCHETERS WELCOME



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† Conflict in the Middle East
† Jamaica and everyone in the path of Hurricane Melissa
† Caregivers
† Prayers for escalating turmoil and divisions
† Elizabeth
† Chris Simmons
† Donna Emmans
† Kathy Hofmann's aunt, Linda
† Fred Reddel
† Karen Roode
† Harper Nau
† Diane Jones
† David Misenheimer
† Lauren Wright's mother, Deborah Cornwell
† Dr. Brian Dalrymple and family on the death of his father, Dr. David Dalrymple
† Kim Sciacero
Hospice List:
† Mark Lanoue's aunt, Glenda Baer

*The flowers today
are given to the Glory of God...*

To the Glory of God, in honor of our 40th wedding anniversary, Amy and Kevin Daniels

To the Glory of God, in honor of Christ Lutheran Church, volunteers and staff that we have had the privilege of working with through the years, Amy and Kevin Daniels

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 9, 2025

Traditional: 244

Bridge: 102

Contemporary: 262

Christ Online: 357 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
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Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



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Minister



Mark Johanson
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