Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania Christ is All and in All



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14:21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

Cover image: The Bronze Serpent (Num. 21:4-9) by Gustave Dore

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: With confidence and trust let us pray to our Lenten Lord, taking up our cross and saying, in your mercy hear us.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Episcopal Church and North Parish. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation throughout your church, and for their teachers and sponsors. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world, especially for the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name aloud now...; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, praying especially for those celebrating this week, Judy Sillhart, Morna Traffas, Andrea Griffith and Danny Hinnershitz. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, remembering the loved ones of Jack and Pricilla Hirschenhofer, Joan George and Marie Helwig. Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

Celebrant: God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ Episcopal Church Reading, PA

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: This is love, not that we loved God, People: but that he loved us and sent his Son.

Celebrant: He is the sacrifice for our sins, People: that we might live through him.

Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
People: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin) At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (read responsively by whole verse)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west. from the north and from the south. Some were fools and took to rebellious ways: they were afflicted because of their sins. They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin) *Before the reading*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord of compassion,
People: in your mercy hear us.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

The Sanctus 362

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Celebrant: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Taking up your cross, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist Communion Assistants
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey Ellen Sunderman and Cynthia Pipkin

Lector and Intercessor Chris Spohn

> Usher Ellen Sunderman

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (captain), Linda Lacey
and
Brittany Underkofler

2024 Easter Memorial Flower Order Form



Please use this form to place your order for Easter Flowers and/or contribute to:

<u>The Christ Church Courtyard Fund or Safe Berks.</u>

I wish to donate # Easter Flowers @ \$10.00 each for a Total of \$
I wish to donate to <u>The Christ Church Courtyard Fund</u> or <u>Safe Berks</u> (Please circle which charity you are choosing) \$
Total Donation: \$ Those donating a plant may take it home following the 10:00 AM Easter Day worship service. Plants remaining will continue to decorate our church throughout most of the Easter Season. Those donating to the Garden Fund will help to beautify the Courtyard with dressing and mulching of the beds.
Please PRINT NAMES CLEARLY in the spaces below for accurate listing in the Easter Worship Bulletins. Monies/forms are due to the office by 3/17/24.
My gift is given In Memory of (if in Heaven)
In Honor of (if living) Thanksgiving for:
Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" (Easter Flowers on text line) and mail to: Post Office Box 1094 no later than Sunday, March 17, 2024 or place in the collection plate. Thank You! Name:
Name:
Phone:
Amount Enclosed \$

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Christ Episcopal Church Reading, PA

10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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Prelude

Canzone

Max Reger

Please stand

Processional Hymn 478 Jesus, our mighty Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant:

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People:

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant:

This is love, not that we loved God,

People:

but that he loved us and sent his Son.

Celebrant: People:

He is the sacrifice for our sins, that we might live through him.

Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Lord, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Amen.

The Kyrie (see page 11 of this bulletin)

Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

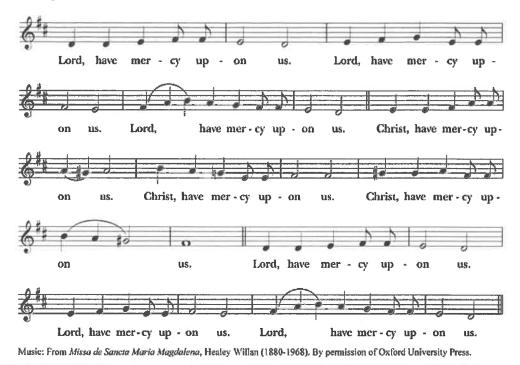
People: And als

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Celebrant: Let us pray:

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The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #91



Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord: **People: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Lord of compassion,
People: in your mercy hear us.

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

Celebrant:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem God So Loved the World John Stainer God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. Amen. (John 3:16-17)

Presentation Hymn 143 (vs 1)

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

The Holy Communion

S120

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A page 361)

The Lord be with you:

People: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361

The Sanctus S130 (at the front of the hymnal)

Franz Schubert

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

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362

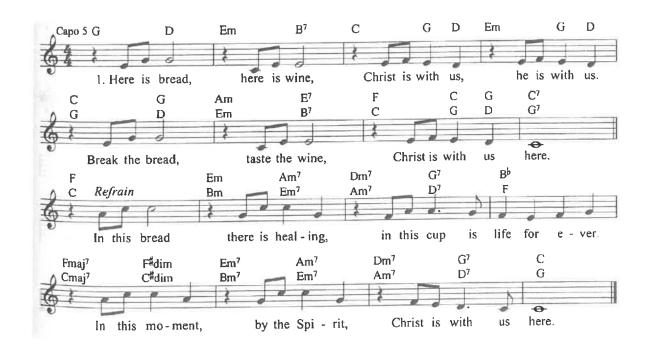
The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Here is Bread

Graham Kendrick



The Prayer of Humble Access

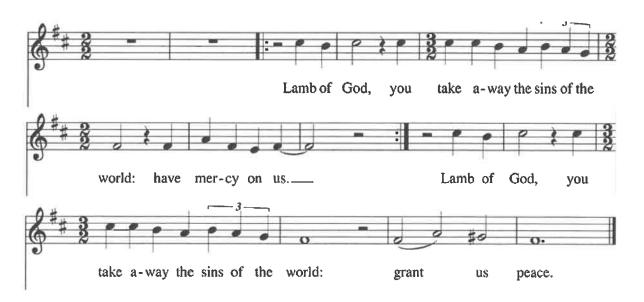
All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Agnus Dei

Ronald Arnatt



The Communion Hymn 335 I am the bread of life

If Eucharistic ministers are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayers

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Celebrant: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 473 Lift high the cross

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Taking up your cross, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata in B minor Eugene Gigout

For those in need of our prayers			
Guilfoyle Family Penny Beverly Gigi Linda Joe Michael Tim Charlie	Daphne Kristin Lisa MaryAnn Carol Nancy Haia Richard Wyatt	Craig JaeMarie Mary Ann	

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer Andrea Griffith

> Lector Anita Powell

Intercessor
Ashleigh Hoelscher

Ushers
David Emes, Garrett Hyneman, Joann
Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Victoria Wilson and Andrea Griffith

Crucifer Milah Smith

Acolytes
Julieanna and Jae Marie Gonzalez

Altar Guild Linda Jones (captain), Linda Lacey and Brittany Underkofler

Wanted: One Treasurer, Very Much Alive!

The Fall Festival of the Arts is looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of Treasurer which Alison Whalen has been diligently performing for YEARS. Job includes preparation of budgets, bookkeeping, reporting, keeping the bank account and check book, receiving and paying the bills, dealing with tickets and credit cards, depositing, tracking and acknowledging contributions.

Time commitment: monthly meetings. For much of the year, very little time needed. In the weeks leading up and during the Festival, things get busy – plan on several hours per week. Great chance to get to know and work with our friends at Trinity Lutheran and in the arts community. Contact Dail Richie at 610-223-9302 or dail.richie@comcast.net or in person.

We are now halfway through the United Thank Offering campaign. Are your boxes getting full? Don't have one? Need an envelope for your check? Boxes and envelopes are available in the large basket on the table in the nave. If donating by check, please make it payable to UTO. Boxes and envelopes are to be handed in by Palm Sunday, March 24.

Vestry

Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden)
Diane Morris (Junior Warden)
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)

Pam Wheat (Grants)

Carolyn Handy (Stewardship) Michael West (Finances)

Connie Fegley (Worship)
Anita Powell (Hospitality)

Kim Alarcon (Outreach)

Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)
Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)

Our Ministries

Worship

Acolytes Altar Guild Eucharistic Ministers Lectors and Intercessors

Vergers

Guitar and Taizé Services

Healing Team Centering Prayer

Morning Prayer Ushers

Kristallnacht Service

Music

Parish Choir Bell Ringers

Children's Choir Fall Festival of Arts

Education

Adult Forum Library Children's Ministries Education for Ministry

Pastoral Care

Cards and notes Prayer Lists
Eucharistic Visitors

Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits

Fellowship

Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club Hospitality Committee

Business

Property Ministry

Church Maintenance Days

Stewardship Team Planned Giving Communications Capital Campaign

Security Taskforce

Outreach

Opportunity House

Rummage Mary's Shelter Narcotics Anonymous

Literacy Council of Reading Berks

ESL Dinners

Daughters of the King Episcopal Church Women

Helping Harvest

Veterans Coalition of PA

Angel Tree

Berks Community Health Center

Berks Youth Chorus

The **Easter egg hunt** will be held following the 10am service Easter morning. There will be three separate hunts: infant to age 3 in the parish hall, catechesis age children in the parlor, and joyful path age children in the Sunday school hallway. Candy donations including allergy friendly varieties would be appreciated and can be placed in the foyer!



The Berks Jazz Fest is coming to Christ Church! On Wednesday
April 10th at 7pm we are hosting Jazz, Folk & Blues by Calli
Graver (vocals), Chico Huff (bass), and David Cullen (guitar and vocals). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Refreshments will be on sale before the concert begins.
This concert is made possible through funds provided by the

Cynthia Phillips Concert Fund. Get your tickets today!



Taizé is a little village in the heart of the Burgundy region of France, home to an ecumenical community of brothers. These brothers are monks and contemplatives, embracing what is rich and central to the Christian faith. Through prayer, silence, and fellowship with people from many different cultures and Christian traditions, men and women have found in Taizé the presence of God offering them a new way and vision for the future. On Wednesday March 13th at 5:30pm we will be celebrating our first Taize service

at Christ Church with the Holy Eucharist. David Cullen will be with us on guitar. Please see our weekly enews for a sample of David singing Ubi Caritas, a Taize song and please join us on Wednesday March 13th.

Holy Week 2024 at Christ Church

March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week 11AM Stations of the Cross 12PM Holy Eucharist

March 28 Maundy Thursday
7PM Holy Eucharist with foot washing

March 29 Good Friday 12PM Solemn Service of Readings, Hymns and Prayers

> March 30 Holy Saturday 7PM Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist

> > March 31 Easter Day 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Festal Eucharist

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM The Christ Church Mission Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for March are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Mary Hoare; Lois Feick by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Loved ones by Jack and Pricilla Hirschenhofer and Joan George by her daughter, June Tull.

Lectern Flowers today are given to the Glory pf God and in Loving Memory of Marie Helwig from her family.

Adult Forum: We conclude our focus on Holy Moments: a handbook for the rest of your life by Matthew Kelly. This week is Holy Moments: The Power of One Idea." Free copies of the book will be available. Please join us at 9:05AM in the parlor.

Sunday School: 9:00 · 9:50; Catechesis (pre-school · first grade): room A1 Joyful Path (second grade · sixth grade): room A2; Live and Learn · a weekly class for middle and high school students. Room A3 Nursery: 9:00 · 11:30—Infant to preschool across from Parish Hall. The nursery is available from Sunday school to Coffee Hour for ages infant to age 5. Children are free to learn, play, and explore in a safe, child-friendly environment.



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, March 10—The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM Opus One Concert
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, March 11 12PM—1PM NA meeting 5:30·6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, March 12 9AM Citizenship class 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, March 13
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
11:30AM Stations of the Cross
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Taize Service with David Cullen

Thursday, March 14
9AM Citizenship Class
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
7PM—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 15 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, March 16 12PM—2PM NA Meeting Sunday, March 17—The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

March 10 Opus One concert 4PM

March 13 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM -1PM

March 13 Taize service with David Cullen at 5:30PM

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7PM

March 29 Good Friday 12PM

March 30 Holy Saturday 7PM

March 31 Easter Sunday 8AM and 10AM

March 31 Easter Egg Hunt after the 10AM service

April 10 Berks Jazz Fest concert at Christ Church 7PM

