



CHRIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

A Service of Worship

September 13, 2026

Welcome to Christ Church Ann Arbor!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If this is your first time visiting, we extend to you a warm welcome. We have a QR code for our visitor form in the back pocket of the seat in front of you. Please fill it out to receive more info and let us know you were here. We also have visitor cards at the Welcome desk if you prefer. If you have any questions regarding the location of the nursery or restrooms, please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters.

Whether you are a committed believer, a skeptic, or somewhere in between, we are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in worship, or to listen and observe.

A word about our worship

Our worship is designed to reflect God's wonderful good news in every part. Worship is a divine dialogue between God and his people. We gather not for a lecture but for an encounter with God. Our service follows a pattern designed to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel and reflect our praise to God. It is a pattern which God's people have followed for thousands of years.

Our worship bulletin has two major divisions beginning with "MINISTRY OF THE WORD" followed by "MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS." Under each of these divisions are God's actions and our responses related to the Ministry of the Word (Call to worship, Confession of Sin, Our Offerings and Proclamation of the Word) and Ministry of the Sacrament (Confession of Faith, Invitation, Words of Institution, Prayer of Consecration, Participation, Doxology and Benediction).

Christ Church Ann Arbor is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a biblically-based, Christ-centered denomination committed to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. For more information about the PCA go to pcanet.org.

To parents of young children

We offer a staffed nursery located at the back of the sanctuary for children ages 0 to 2, if you wish make use of it. However, we enjoy having children in our worship! Please do not feel that your children are unwelcome in our service. We believe that your children are a gift from God, rather than a distraction. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for such is the kingdom of heaven."

Keeping our children in worship as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them: They will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for kids to see and hear what is happening. Relax and take a deep breath! God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house.

Our Mission

Christ Church Ann Arbor exists by the grace of God and for the glory of God. Our purpose is to know Christ and to make him known by loving God and our neighbors. We endeavor to bless our community by communicating truth and grace, showing mercy, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Christ Church at a glance

As we seek to glorify God by loving Him, each other, and our neighbors, we invite you to join us throughout the week for the following events and ministries. More information, including contact information, is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community groups
- Women and men's ministries
- Mercy ministries
- Campus fellowship
- Sunday school

Visiting?

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A time to prepare
your heart and mind
to meet with a Holy
God

Christ has given the
church His Word to
communicate to His
people the benefits of
their redemption.

God welcomes us into
His presence with
grace and mercy

God calls us to
worship Him in
response to our
salvation through
Jesus Christ

Welcome

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Silent Prayer of Preparation

“God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him, and we are most satisfied in Him in worship” – John Piper

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture Greeting

Jude 1b-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace,
and love be multiplied to you.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Call to Worship

Selections from Isaiah & Psalms

Leader: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!*

**Students: Exalt the Lord our God;
worship at His footstool**

**Women: Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name.**

**Men: Make known His deeds among the peoples,
Proclaim that His name is exalted.**

**All: We give thanks to you, O God!
We recount your wondrous deeds.**

Prayer of Invocation

A prayer that exalts
God and asks for help
to worship Him

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*Christ Church
Hymnal #40*

**Please be seated.*

Opening hymn lifts
our hearts and voices
proclaiming the
greatness of God

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer for Illumination

**Please rise if you are able.*

Asking the Holy
Spirit to help us
understand and apply
God's Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Old Testament books
prepare for the
coming of Christ in
"promises,"
anticipating His
person and work of
salvation

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament
books reveal the
fulfilled promises in
Christ who
accomplished the
salvation of God's
people

New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21-26

God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Leader: *The grass withers and the flower fades,*

People: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

A hymn to prepare
our hearts to confess
our sin, and our need
for forgiveness in
Jesus Christ

Hymn of Confession

Jesus Paid It All

Trinity Psalter #276

**Please be seated.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our heavenly Father, we confess that our sins are great and numberless. We sin in our words that harm others. We gossip, slander and deceive. We sin in our desires. We lust after fame, wealth and reputation. We sin in our deeds. We cheat, steal and make kindness and mercy conditional. We sin by not seeking first your kingdom and righteousness in all our pursuits. Truly our sins against you and one another are more than we can bear. But you are rich in mercy. The shed blood of your Son can wash us clean of sin and guilt. Help us find relief in the shadow of the cross where our sins have been fully paid. Forgive us and free us from our bondage we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

God's presence and His Word exposes our sins, compelling us to lament and confess before a merciful and forgiving God. We encourage a posture of prayer, sitting or kneeling as you are led.

Personal Confession of Sin

Having confessed our sin as a church, we also have need to repent and seek forgiveness for our personal sins

Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

After confessing our sin before a holy God and seeking His forgiveness, we hear and believe His promise that our sins have been forgiven through Jesus Christ

**Please rise if you are able.*

A 4th century hymn
of thankfulness we
offer to the Triune
God for His work of
salvation in our lives

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

**Please be seated.*

THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Prayer of Intercession

This prayer is an
offering
acknowledging our
dependence on Christ
as we offer our several
needs before Him

We give our tithes and
offerings as an act of
worship that reflects
our gratitude to God
and desire to advance
God's kingdom on
earth through the
church

Tithes and Offerings

If you prefer to give via cash or check, our deacons pass a plate each Sunday at this time in the service. However, we also welcome you to give online. Scan the QR code on the card in the seat back pocket to be directed to our secure online platform.

**Please rise if you are able.*

A hymn to express our
heart's gratitude for
God's blessings upon
our lives

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Ten Thousand Reasons
(Bless The Lord)

Christ Church Hymnal #55

**Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon: “The God Who Sings”,
Zephaniah 3:14-17

Rev. Robert Knuth

God’s Word read,
explained and applied
for knowing and
obeying Christ

Sermon Notes:

A hymn responding to
God's Word calling us
to live for Christ

Christ has given the
church two Sacraments,
Baptism and the Lord's
Supper, to symbolically
represent Him wherein
all His benefits are
sealed and applied to
His people.

Confession of Faith
connects us not only to
those in our church but
to the universal church

**Please rise if you are able.*

Hymn of Response

Holy Holy Holy

Trinity Psalter #230

**Please be seated.*

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q.76

*Leader: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ
and to drink his shed blood?*

**People: First, to accept with a believing heart all the
suffering and the death of Christ,
and so receive forgiveness of sins
and life eternal.**

*Leader: Second, to be united more and more to his sacred Body
through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ
and in us.*

**All: Therefore, although Christ is in heaven
and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of his
flesh and bone of his bones, and we forever
live and are governed by one Spirit,
as the members of our body are by one soul.**

Leader: *Let us declare the mystery of our
faith.*

**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to our Lord and
God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

*Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice in the purple cups.
Please hold the elements after returning to your seat so that we
can participate together as one congregation of God's people.*

Explanation of the
Lord's Supper and
invitation to
participate for those
who are trusting in
Jesus Christ, members
in a gospel believing
church, and baptized
in the name of the
triune God

Words of Institution

Scriptural words
describing the
sacrament of the Lord's
Supper as representing
the Body and Blood of
the Lord

Prayer that sets apart
the bread and wine
from common use to
their spiritual use to be
a means of grace to
strengthen and
encourage Christians

In the Supper we see
and taste the visible
gospel as Christ's body
and blood. We
remember His death
and our faith,
strengthened to greater
trust and obedience

Having worshiped
together with the
Triune God in worship,
we praise Him for how
He has blessed us with
His grace

Depart into the world
with the provision and
protection of God's
blessing

Prayer of Consecration

Participation in the Lord's Supper

**Please rise if you are able.*

Doxology of Praise

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.
Amen.

Scripture Benediction Selections from Psalm 77 and Luke 1

May the God who works wonders, who has made His strength
known among His people, and by His power redeemed them.
May He be your joy and delight in you always.

Prayer Requests

Share your prayer requests and updates with the session only or for the whole congregation by scanning the QR code on the card in the seat back pocket and submitting the form.

Announcements

Next Session Meeting Dates will be September 22, October 6, October 27, and December 8. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the church (2301 S. Industrial Highway).

Two 4-Week Modules on Missions for all ages, Sundays at 9:15 AM. Steve Summers (elder candidate), Pastor Chad and Becky Summers are the teachers.

Theme: “Called to Send – Called to Go”

“Food and Liturgy” following the worship service **Today**. College students are invited to join a discussion on our Liturgy led by Jim Lopez and Robert Knuth.

Need Transportation To Christ Church? We have several people willing to pick up and return students to their college residence. Sign up with Pastor Steve at steve@christchurchA2.org. Please include name, address and contact info.

Tuesday Night Theology Next class September 15 (Doctrine of Soteriology or Salvation). All are welcome. Very beneficial for teachers and leaders. Class notes available upon request.

Fellowship Meal on September 20 following worship service. Please join us for fellowship over good food. Sign up here to bring a dish to share: <https://bit.ly/4gk5Vxo>.

Missed TouchPoint? Handout and bookmark on Welcome Desk. Stay informed.

Weekly Worship Guide Please use the guide on the back of the bulletin each week for your personal, couple or family devotions. The guide is based on our recently presented biblical values describing a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Women’s Bible Study starting on Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:30-11:30 AM. We’re meeting every Thursday in our homes. We will be studying *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets* by Nancy Guthrie. We’ll start with brunch and hand out books at church. If you’re interested or have any questions, contact Beti Lopez betiglopez99@gmail.com or Jean Holland jmhol926@gmail.com.

10 **Sermon Series on Exodus coming this month** “Foreseeing Christ in the Israel’s Story”

Elementary Hangout Sept. 20, 4-6 PM at the Arnolds' house. This is open to kids in 1st through 6th grade. There will be burgers, s'mores, and fun. Bring a friend! For food planning, RSVP by Wed 09/16 to Kelly Arnold, 434-227-6309. See Kelly for more details. Last minute RSVPs welcome!

New Fall Small Group starting at the Burdick's house in Ypsilanti in September. It will be the 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested, please get in touch with Laura (laura.a.burdick@gmail.com).

Greeter Training We will have a greeter's training after church on September 27. If you are on the greeting team, please plan to stay for about 30 minutes. Contact Laura Burdick (laura.a.burdick@gmail.com) with any questions.

Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study meeting next at 5 PM on September 27, at Christ Church.

A Paper on the Discipling Ministry at Christ Church is available upon request from Pastor Steve. This Session approved paper addresses the biblical basis for and practice of discipleship in the covenant community (church). Included is a prudent approach on how elders disciple women at Christ Church.

College Bible Study coming in October 2026. More info coming.

Have a Bulletin Announcement? Get it to Jillian at
jillian@christchurcho2.org by 11am Wednesday.

Grow and Connect with Us

Sunday School: 9:15 AM - 0-5 year olds' class in classroom, class for all other ages meeting in the sanctuary

Women's Bible Study: Study will resume on Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the fall.
Contact: Beti Lopez — betiglopez99@gmail.com or Jean Holland — jmhol926@gmail.com

Virtual community group: Wednesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 p.m.
Contact: Jim Miller — millerjt.m@gmail.com

Salem community group: Thursdays (second and fourth), 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Contact: Leah Hamilton — leahhamilton1066@gmail.com

Ypsilanti community group: Thursdays (second and fourth), 6:30–8 p.m.
Contact: Laura Burdick — laura.a.burdick@gmail.com

Men's Bible Studies: Twice monthly on Sundays, 5pm or Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
Contact: Ryan Arnold — ryarnold77@gmail.com or Chad Burrow — burrowcl@gmail.com

Today's Volunteers

Communion Set Up:

The Miller Family

Greeting & Refreshments:

Dan and Karen Claypool & Anne Perry

Nursery:

Beti Lopez, Kirsten Heath, and
Lorraine Schriemer
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Children's Training Time:

None today

Children's Sunday School:

Becky Summers and Jillian Kingsley

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Weekly Worship Guide

Developing an Attitude of Humility

God's grace to sinners should shape us into people marked by humility.

How does knowing that everything we have—including our salvation—is a gift of God's grace change the way we think about ourselves and treat others?

Belgic Confession Article 23: The Justification of Sinners

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained.

And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

If we stand before God only because of his grace and the righteousness of Christ, what reason do we have for pride? How should receiving such grace shape our attitude toward other people?

Monday: Luke 18:9-14

What was wrong with the Pharisee's attitude toward God and toward the tax collector?

What does the tax collector teach us about approaching God as sinners who need mercy?

Tuesday: Philippians 2:3-8

How does the humility of Jesus challenge our natural desire to put ourselves first? What would it look like to "count others more significant than yourselves" this week?

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Why are we tempted to take credit for the good things in our lives? How does remembering that everything we have ultimately comes from God cultivate humility and gratitude?

Thursday: Micah 6:6-8

What does God require of his people? What might it look like in everyday life to "walk humbly with your God"?

Friday: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Peter tells us to "clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility." How does trusting God's care for us free us from having to prove ourselves, defend ourselves, or make ourselves important?