



CHRIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor

2301 S. Industrial Hwy

Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

A Service of Worship

October 11, 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

Announcements

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Silent Prayer of Preparation

“God does not need your talents, wisdom, holiness, and strength. But rather you, in weakness, desperately need the power of His Spirit in your labors.” – Walter J. Chantry (1938-2022)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture Greeting

Romans 1:7 (adapted)

To all those at Christ Church who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16

Leader: *Since, then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,*

People: Let us hold fast our confession.

Leader: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

People: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Invocation

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

Hymn of Praise

Immortal Invisible

Trinity Psalter #224

**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

Exodus 4:1-9

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—"that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign.

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

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

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

If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 9:14-18

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

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

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

Hymn of Confession

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Trinity Psalter #443

Corporate Confession of Sin

Sovereign Lord, you are the first cause of all things and nothing alters your plans. We confess that it is easier for us to find fault with your plans than to humbly submit to them. We accuse you of injustice when the unrighteous do better in life than we do. We acknowledge your sovereign rule over our lives but become angry when our plans don't come to pass. Forgive us for doubting that all we experience in life is designed to make us more like Christ. Remember mercy and hear our pleas for forgiveness. In Christ's 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 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

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.*

Commissioning of Focus Group

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

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.

Malachi 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving

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

From The Rising Of The Sun
(Psalm 113)

Christ Church #17

**Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon: “God’s Stuttering Mouthpiece”,
Exodus 4:1-17

*Rev. Steve
Gonzales*

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

Thy Works Not Mine O Christ

Trinity Psalter #460

**Please be seated.*

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS

Confession of Faith

WCF Commentary

Leader: What is meant by the word "sign" when referring to
the elements used in the sacraments?

**People: "Sign" refers to physical elements representing
spiritual blessings from Christ to His people.**

Leader: What is meant by the word "seal" in the sacraments?

**People: "Seal" refers to certifying the blessings from
Christ to those with true faith in Christ**

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.

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

Words of Institution

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

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

Prayer of Consecration

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

Participation in the Lord's Supper

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

**Please rise if you are able.*

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

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.

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

Scripture Benediction

Psalm 9:2,9

May the Lord your God be to you a safe retreat in troubled times,
a stronghold and refuge when you are oppressed. May you always
sing His praise in all circumstances.

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 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. Pastor Chad and Becky Summers are the teachers.

October 11 Building Focus Group Commissioning. The newly formed Building Focus Group will be commissioned **TODAY** with prayer during our morning worship service. This group will explore and make recommendations to the Session on how we might best use the north half of our building. Group members include Gianna Miller, Eric Veenstra, Dan Claypool, Jim Lopez, Jean Holland, Stan Mathay and Dabney Peters.

Tuesday Night Theology. On Tuesday, **Oct. 13** beginning at 7pm, we will be discussing “The Means of Grace” (e.g. Sacraments, etc.). All are welcome for an informative evening of study.

Fellowship Meal Oct. 18th following the worship service. Please sign up here <https://bit.ly/3Voa7UG> to bring food to share, even if you don’t know yet what you’ll bring. Please consider bringing more than one dish so there is enough for college students and visitors. **Please do not bring frosted desserts to avoid being pressed into chair fabric and floor carpet.**

Next Women's Night will be Tuesday, October 20th, 7 pm - 9 pm at Kathy Deering's home. Please mark your calendars! More information will be coming soon.

Next TouchPoint Meeting is on November 8. Topics presented will be our church's revised vision and mission statements AND financial update. Members and Non-members welcome to attend.

Need Transportation To Christ Church? Sign up with Pastor Steve at steve@christchurchA2.org. Please include name, address and contact info.

Called Congregational Meeting on December 13 immediately following the worship service. The purpose is to elect Session approved officer candidates (to be presented soon). All members of Christ Church encouraged to vote. Non-members welcome to attend but may not vote.

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

Not on the emailing list for the Newsletter? Contact Jillian at jillian@christchurchof2.org to receive Christ Church updates.

Have a Bulletin Announcement? Get it to Jillian at jillian@christchurchof2.org by 11am Wednesday.

Financial Summary as of September 2026	
Year-to-date Giving Through September	257,633
Year-to-date Expenses Through September	341,126
Net Year-to-date Deficit	(83,493)
Full Year Estimated Expenses	468,795

Grow and Connect with Us

Sunday School: 9:15 AM, kids in the classroom, adults 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:

Andrew and Emma Moots

Greeting:

Stan Mathay

Nursery:

Kirsten Heath, Karen Claypool,
and Jean Holland

Children's Training Time:

None today

Children's Sunday School:

Becky Summers and Stephanie Papillon

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Weekly Worship Guide

Developing Holy Living

Living a holy life according to God's Word.

Why does God call his people to live differently from the world around them?

Belgic Confession, Article 24: The Sanctification of Sinners:

"We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin."

This faith leads us to do "the works that God has commanded in his Word."

If holiness grows out of God's saving work in us, how should that change the way we think about obedience to his Word?

Monday: Leviticus 19:1–4

God told Israel, "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." How should God's own holiness shape the way his people live?

Tuesday: Psalm 119:9–16

How does the psalmist say that God's Word helps us live a pure and holy life?

Wednesday: Ezekiel 36:25–27

God promised not only to cleanse his people but also to give them a new heart and his Spirit. Why do we need God's work within us if we are going to live holy lives?

Thursday: 1 Peter 1:13–16

Peter repeats God's command, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." In what areas of your life is God calling you to become more like him?

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

Paul says that God's will for his people is their sanctification. What does this passage teach us about taking holiness seriously in everyday life?