



CHRIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor

2301 S. Industrial Hwy

Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

A Service of Worship

November 1, 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

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: go out into the darkness, and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than a light and safer than a known way." -- M. Louise Haskins (1875 – 1957)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture Greeting

Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Call to Worship

Psalms 34:3,8,5

Minister: *Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

People: **Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Prayer of Invocation

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

Hymn of Praise

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Trinity Psalter #281

**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 6:26-30

These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said: "Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts." It was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron. On the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, the Lord said to Moses, "I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." But Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?"

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

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

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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

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

Hymn of Confession

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Christ Church #18

**Please be seated.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Spirit of the living God, in you there is true freedom from a hardened and sinful heart. You have freed us to enter your holy presence but forgive us for coming with half-hearted devotion. You have freed us from the condemnation of the law, but forgive us for our lack of gratitude. You have freed us from the dominion of sin, but forgive us for substituting worldly values for gospel transformation. Forgive us for not submitting to your work in our lives to reflect more of Christ in our daily living. Hear and forgive us 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 65:2-4a

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

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

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

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

Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and
beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly
for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.

*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.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving

When God Revealed His Gracious
Name (Psalm 126)

Christ Church #50

**Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon: “When We Have “Shortness of Spirit”,
Exodus 6:1-13

*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

Spirit of God, Dwell Thou within *Trinity Psalter #393*
My Heart

**Please be seated.*

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Commentary

Leader: *What is meant by “an outward and sensible sign”
in the sacraments?*

People: **By this we mean physical material that is
experienced by our senses. Water for
baptism. Bread and wine for the Lord's
Supper.**

Leader: *What is meant by “an inward and spiritual grace” in
the sacraments?*

People: **By this we mean the saving work of God in our
hearts as a gift of His grace**

Leader: *What is the relationship between the “outward and
sensible sign” and the “inward and spiritual
grace?”*

People: **The “outward sign” only symbolizes the
“inward grace” conveyed to the recipient.
Grace is not conveyed by the sacrament itself,
but by the Holy Spirit.**

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.*

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 Revelation 19:11-13; Philippians 4:7

May He Who rides a white horse, Who is called Faithful and True, Whose eyes are like blazing fire, and upon his head are many crowns, Who is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and Whose name is the Word of God . . . keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus with the peace of God that transcends all understanding.

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 December 8. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the church (2301 S. Industrial Highway).

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.

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.

Please pray for our officer candidates. Steve Summers (elder) and Mark Schriemer (deacon) will be completing their member training visits and their written and oral exams in the next several weeks. Upon approval by the Session, they will be announced to the congregation as eligible candidates at the December 13 Called Congregational Meeting.

Pray for the Building Focus Group 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 Jean Holland, Jim Lopez, Stan Mathay (chairman), Gianna Miller, Dabney Peters, and Eric Veenstra. Please lift them up in prayer.

Interested in learning more about Christ Church? If you are interested in joining the next class, please email Jillian at jillian@christchurcha2.org.

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.

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

Not on the emailing list for the Newsletter? Contact Jillian at

10 jillian@christchurcha2.org to receive Christ Church updates.

Have a Bulletin Announcement? Get it to Jillian at
jillian@christchurchofchristchurch.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.

Virtual community group: Wednesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Contact: Jim Miller — millerjt.m@gmail.com

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

Jim and Beti Lopez

Greeting:

Angie Gonzales

Nursery:

Jenna Bernthal, Gabrielle Manier,
and Jean Holland

Children's Training Time:

Lisa Johnson, Steve Summers,
and Kaylee Heath

Children's Sunday School:

Becky Summers and Stephanie Papillon

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Weekly Worship Guide

Consistently Practicing Spiritual Disciplines

Practicing spiritual disciplines as means of grace for maturing as a Christian.

Why do Christians need regular habits of hearing God's Word, reading Scripture, prayer, worship, and receiving the sacraments?

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 154–155:

Q. 154. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to his church the benefits of his mediation, are all his ordinances; especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.

Q. 155. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

How does knowing that Christ uses these ordinary means to strengthen and mature us change the way we approach them?

Monday: 1 Timothy 4:6–10

Paul tells Timothy to “train yourself for godliness.” What does this passage teach us about the effort and purpose involved in growing as a Christian?

Tuesday: Joshua 1:6–9

God commanded Joshua to meditate on his Word day and night and to live according to it. How does regular attention to Scripture shape faithful obedience?

Wednesday: Psalm 63:1–8

How does David describe his desire for God? What can we learn from his example about deliberately seeking fellowship with God?

Thursday: Daniel 6:6–11

Daniel continued his regular practice of prayer even when it became dangerous. What does his example teach us about developing consistent habits of prayer?

Friday: Acts 2:42–47

What practices characterized the life of the early church? How did devotion to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, prayer, and worship shape their life together?