

CHRIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor

2301 S. Industrial Hwy

Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

A Service of Worship

November 29, 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 te 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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Welcome

Announcements

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Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

"The Son came out from the Father to help us to come out from the world; He descended to us to enable us to ascend to Him." (Anthony of Padua, 1195-1231)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Scripture Greeting

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (adapted)

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

To Christ Church Ann Arbor in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

**Please rise if you are able.*

Call to Worship

Micah 5:2; 1 Timothy 3:16

God welcomes us into His presence with grace and mercy

Minister: *And you, O Bethlehem, in the Land of Judah,*
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler Who will
shepherd my people Israel.

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

People: Proclaim it among the nations.
Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness:
Christ was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Prayer of Invocation

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

Hymn of Praise

O Come O Come Emmanuel *Trinity Psalter #293*

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

******Please be seated.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer for Illumination

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

******Please rise if you are able.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Mark 13:24-37

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

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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

God Be Merciful To Me — *Christ Church #19*

**Please be seated.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen

-St. Ambrose (adapted)

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

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.*

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

THE GIVING OF OFFERINGS

Prayer of Intercession

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

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Trinity Psalter #300*

**Please be seated.*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

Sermon: "Every Knee Will Bow: From Humiliation to Exaltation", Philippians 2:5-11 — *Rev. Chad Burrow*

Sermon Notes:

**Please rise if you are able.*

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

Hymn of Response

Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel *Christ Church #53*

**Please be seated.*

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

Children's First Catechism

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

Leader: *Did Jesus ever sin?*

People: No-He lived a sinless life

Leader: *How could the Son of God suffer?*

People: The Son of God became a man so that he could obey and suffer

Leader: *For whom did Christ obey and suffer?*

People: For all who were given to him by the Father

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

Prayer of Consecration

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

Participation in the Lord's Supper

**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

Isaiah 40:29 (adapted)

Now may our Savior, Who cheers each winding path we tread, gives grace for every trial and feeds us with His living Bread . . . Grant you strength when you are weary, and increase your power when you are weak.

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.

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. Email them your ideas at buildingcommittee@christchurcha2.org.

Pray for Pastor Steve's Recovery especially for relief from the lung spasms and resulting coughing which is causing him pain. Please also pray for patience for Pastor Steve with the healing process.

Announcements

Next Session Meeting Date 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).

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.

Officer Candidates Update. The Session is pleased to announce that Steve Summers has been approved to stand for election as Ruling Elder on Dec. 13 at the congregational meeting. Please pray that the Lord will guide His people in selecting our next elder.

Christmas Eve Service Mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24 at 6pm.

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 Jillian at jillian@christchurcha2.org. Please include name, address and contact info.
Not on the emailing list for the Newsletter? Contact Jillian at jillian@christchurcha2.org to receive Christ Church updates.

Have a Bulletin Announcement? Get it to Jillian at jillian@christchurcha2.org by 11am Wednesday.

Financial Summary as of October 2026	
Year-to-date Giving Through October	295,389
Year-to-date Expenses Through October	366,996
Net Year-to-date Deficit	**(71,606)**
Full Year Estimated Expenses	469,652

Grow and Connect with Us

Sunday School: No Sunday school at this time.

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:
Jean Holland

Greeting:
Stan Mathay

Nursery:
Anne Perry, Laura Burdick, and Becky Summers

Children's Training Time:
None today

Contact Us

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Weekly Worship Guide

Faithfully Stewarding Gifts and Resources

Generously using God's spiritual gifts, talents, and resources for the good and mission of the church. How does remembering that everything we have comes from God change the way we use our abilities, possessions, and resources?

Belgic Confession, Article 28:

Christians are called to be "serving to build up one another, according to the gifts God has given them as members of each other in the same body."

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 141:

The eighth commandment requires "giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others; moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods."

If God has entrusted us with gifts and resources for his purposes, how should we faithfully use what he has given us rather than treating it simply as our own?

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Paul teaches that God provides for us so that we may be generous toward others. What attitudes should characterize Christian giving, and what ultimately results from our generosity?

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 29:10–18

David acknowledged that everything he and the people gave had first come from God. How does recognizing God as the owner and giver of everything change our attitude toward our possessions?

Wednesday: Exodus 35:20–29

God's people willingly brought their possessions, abilities, and resources for the work of the tabernacle. What does their example teach us about willingly using what God has given us for his work?

Thursday: 1 Peter 4:7–11

Peter tells every Christian to use whatever gift he has received "to serve one another." What gifts has God entrusted to you, and how could you use them more faithfully for the good of others?

Friday: Deuteronomy 8:10–18

Moses warned Israel not to forget that God was the one who gave them the ability to prosper. How can remembering the true source of our resources protect us from pride and help us become better stewards?