

**ANNUAL GIVING 2025**  
**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**NEWTON, NEW JERSEY**

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*So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.  
Romans 12:5*

Dear family and friends of Christ Church,

As a proud Jersey native, I set the bar high when it comes to diners. I vividly remember eating at a diner in Virginia almost 20 years ago. When the meal arrived at our table, there was an extra bowl on my plate. I asked the waitress about this mystery bowl, and she told me it was grits. I told her that there must be some mistake; I had not ordered any grits with my meal. She looked me up and down and replied, "You don't order grits. They just comes with."

Christ Church is about to celebrate its 256<sup>th</sup> year of ministry. Before this nation celebrated its birth, faithful people here in Newton gathered to worship God, and wisely put Christ's name front and center. We are an institution in this region: the oldest church in town, and the second oldest Episcopal Church in our Diocese. Such a long and fruitful history can make it easy to take for granted the stability and continuity this church provides, and the countless ripples this holy place sends out into the wider community.

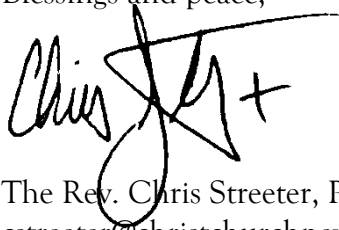
There is so much that just comes with being part of Christ Church. I have used the succeeding page to list only some of the many varied and vibrant ministries that fall under our parish umbrella. Some are fairly evident: the hundreds of worship experiences we offer annually or the dozens of long-standing groups that meet regularly for study, service and fellowship. Some are less evident: the host of local, non-profit groups that call our space home or the near-daily, unscheduled requests for counsel, prayer and support.

All of this, and so much more, just comes with a connection to Christ Church. And all of this, and so much more, is possible because of the commitment made by individuals and families just like you to fund the operating needs of our parish.

On behalf of the Wardens and Vestry of this parish, I ask you to join us in making a pledge of financial commitment for 2025. Prayerfully consider how God has blessed you in abundance, and respond with genuine generosity and gratitude. Your support will strengthen our church to move into this next year with the vitality and resources we need to preach the Good News of Christ to a world in need.

I cannot wait to experience all God has in store for us in this next year, and discover with you the joy that comes with making Christ the center of our lives and the guiding star along the way.

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Streeter" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Chris Streeter, Priest-in-Charge  
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## PRAYER & WORSHIP

- Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8 & 10 am
- Livestreaming of Services
- Holy Week & Easter
  - Daily Services*
  - Overnight Watch*
  - Easter Vigil & Dinner*
- Christmas at Christ Church
  - Service of Lessons & Carols*
- Thursday Morning Worship: 10 am
- Weddings & Funerals
- Baptisms & Confirmations
- Evensongs
- Services for Healing & Recovery
- Contemplative Tuesday Group
- Special Days
  - Blessing of the Backpacks*
  - Blessing of the Animals*
  - All Souls' Mass with Fauré Requiem*
  - Thanksgiving Day*

All events are assisted by groups including:

- Adult & Junior Choirs
- Altar Guild, Acolytes & Ushers
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors



## ACTION & SERVICE

- Sunday Brunch in a Bag
- Norwescap & Manna House Meals
- College Care Packages
- Christmas Meals
- Paterson Park Cleanup
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Property Committee
- Parish Governance (Vestry)

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY

- Sunday Morning Fellowship
  - Newsletter, Website & Social Media
  - Journey Youth Group Events
  - Monthly Parish Breakfasts
  - Christ Church Women's Group
  - Summer Picnic & Stewardship Dinner
  - Christ Church in Stitches Group
  - Pastoral Counseling
  - Home & Hospital Visits
  - Concerts & Recitals
  - Choir Trip to Trinity Wall Street
- Local Groups we support include:
- Norwescap
  - Family Promise
  - Sussex County Oratorio Society
  - Sussex County Youth Symphony
  - Literacy NJ
  - Center for Prevention
  - Twelve Step Recovery Groups
  - Sussex County Gardening Club
  - Local Scout Troops



## STUDY & LEARNING

- Sunday Mornings
  - Children's Sunday School & Childcare*
  - Adult Bible Study*
- Thursday Faith Formation: 10 am
- Adult Formation Forums
- Women's Retreat
- New Member & Confirmation Classes
- Premarital & Baptism Preparation
- Book Club



**Your** strong financial commitment in 2025 is needed to ensure that we continue to operate from a place of vitality and strength, increasing our missional outreach to this community.

**Please join with us in making your pledge to support  
Christ Church financially in the coming year.**

**Stewardship Dinner – Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Ingathering Sunday – Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*We ask that you please return your 2025 pledge by 11/24.*