

Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshipping with us and would love to connect with you! Stop by the welcome table in the foyer for information or prayer, and we invite you to the side yard after the service for coffee hour.

If you are new, please complete the Connect Card in the pew rack and give the card to a pastor. Visit christchurcheastbay.org for more information.

Like our music?

Check us out on Spotify (Christ Church East Bay), YouTube (Christ Church East Bay Music), Apple Music (Christ Church East Bay), or Bandcamp (christchurch.bandcamp.com).

Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids and youth on Sundays, and more!

Upcoming Events & Announcements

* Wonderful Wednesdays

**2nd Wednesday Evensong and Prayer on September 14
Dinner at 6:00 pm, Community Hall
Evensong and Prayer at 7:00 pm, Sanctuary**

Join us at church for dinner, teaching, and fellowship for all ages on the first three Wednesdays of each month. On the second Wednesday of each month, adults will gather after dinner for an Evensong service of Scripture, hymns, and prayer, seeking more of the presence and power of God and asking God to bring revival in our hearts, church, city, and world. Please * register by the Monday before Wonderful Wednesday gathering so we can plan for food and childcare (by tomorrow for this week; no need to register if you're only coming for Evensong and won't need childcare).

Calling All Christ Church Bears!

Today at 12:00 pm, Community Hall

To all the Cal undergrads, grad students, postdocs, faculty, staff, and alumni, join us in the Community Hall after the service for Cal Sunday. It will be a great time to welcome our Cal newcomers with some lunch and fellowship.

* Practicing the Presence of God ... at Work

Next Saturday, September 17, 10 am-12 pm

Most thoughtful Christians believe that their faith should integrate with their work, and they want to live that out more deeply. But how? With guest speaker Brian Gray of the Denver Institute for Faith & Work, we'll talk about what it means to practice the presence of God through our work. We'll combine times of teaching, personal reflection, and peer dialogue to help us take next practical steps into bridging the experiential divide between these two important areas of our lives. Please * register by Wednesday for this free seminar hosted by Christ Church and Faith & Work Journey.

* Women Reading Women

Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Our book group is reading *The Weight of All Things* by Sandra Benitez. Join us for an evening of great conversation and encouraging fellowship. See details on the *Events page.

GriefShare

Tuesdays beginning September 27, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Open to anyone who has had a loss of a friend, relative, or colleague either recently or long ago. This is a 13-week program of excellent videos, workbook, and a friendly caring group of people to walk together with through one of life's most difficult experiences. Aimed at helping each other face the challenge of grief and moving toward rebuilding our lives. Please email jayne@christchurcheastbay.org.

Bible Breakfast Bunch

Three Sundays a month, 9:15-10:15 am, Community Hall

The Breakfast Bible Bunch, led by Sam Vandervelde and Eunice Cheung, opens with breakfast and fellowship, followed by a study in our topic of the month. This fall we'll Psample the Psalms in creative ways (Sept. 4, 11, 18); spend time on the twin themes of Atonement and Redemption (Oct. 2, 9, 16); then wrap up the fall with a trio of parables (Nov. 6, 13, 20). Our purpose is to strengthen community and seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness through intentional study of the Bible. Reach out to sam.vandervelde@proton.me with questions or ideas.

Opportunities for Singers

1. Join the choir on October 2! If you've sung in a choir before, or you just like to sing with others, we'd love to have you. We'll rehearse on Sunday, September 25 (following the worship service), 12:15-1:15, snacks provided.

2. Sing with the worship team on Sundays. If you have experience as a soloist or with small groups/ensembles and would like to know more about how you can contribute in Sunday worship, we invite you to schedule an audition with Eric Gilbert, our Worship Arts Minister (eric@christchurcheastbay.org).

* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:



Gathering

*O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us;
Revive Your Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
And fit Your Church to meet this hour.*

*O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need.
Then, in Your tenderness remake us;
Revive, restore, for this we plead.*

Chorus

*Breath of God, come move in this place,
Breath of God, Breath of God.
Breath of Life, wash over this place.
Breath of God, come breathe new life in us again.*

"Breath of God"

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Call to Worship - Psalm 33

*By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of His mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
He puts the deep into storehouses.*

*For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm.*

**We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.**

*In Him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in His holy name.*

**May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in You.**

Fresh Wind

*Spirit sound, rushing wind,
Fire of God, fall within;
Holy Ghost, breathe on us, we pray.
As we repent, turn from sin,
Revival embers smoldering;
Breath of God, fan us into flame.*

Chorus 1

*We need a fresh wind, the fragrance of Heaven;
Pour Your Spirit out. Pour Your Spirit out.*

*For hearts that burn with holy fear,
Purified in faith and deed;
Refiner's fire, strengthen what remains.*

*So we the church who bear Your light,
Lamp aflame, city bright;
King and kingdom come is what we pray.*

Chorus 2

*We need a fresh wind, the fragrance of Heaven;
Pour Your Spirit out. Pour Your Spirit out.
A holy anointing, the power of Your presence;
Pour Your Spirit out. Pour Your Spirit out.*

Bridge

*Let all the redeemed prophesy and sing.
We can hear the wind blowing, blowing, blowing.
Move upon our praise. Sons and daughters sing.
We can hear the wind blowing, blowing, blowing.*

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Prayer and Confession

Jesus said, "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."

*Let us confess our sin against God and neighbor:
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. We cling to Your promise of forgiveness, and ask that in Your mercy You would restore us to a righteous and joyful life, seeking the things of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Silence is kept for private confession and petition.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him.

(Psalm 28:6-7)

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Children are dismissed at this time.

Glory to Our God (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to God, our Father,
Glory be to Jesus, the Son;
Glory be unto the Holy Spirit,
Praises to our God, Three in One.

As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Chorus

Amen to the Father, and to Jesus, the Son,
To the Spirit, who lives and reigns in us.
Both now and forever, Your kingdom is come.
Sing “Amen” to our God, Three in One; Amen!

Text: from “Gloria Patri,” (ca. 2nd cent.)
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The Lord’s Word

Old Testament Lesson

A reading from the book of Genesis:

Gen 26:12 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. **13** The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. **14** He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. **15** So all the wells that his father’s servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. **16** Then Abimelek said to Isaac, “Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.” **17** So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. **18** Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

*The grass withers, and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever.*

*Please be seated.

Teaching

Sermon Series: Revive Us!

Title: Hindrances to Revival

Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

The Lord’s Supper

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle’s Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One:
God Almighty.

Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son:
Jesus, our Savior.

Chorus

I believe in God, our Father; I believe in Christ, the Son;
I believe in the Holy Spirit; our God is Three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus!

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high!

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints’ communion, and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our gifts and our lives to God.

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to You all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise You, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to You, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Church ...

City ...

World ...

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me;
All my days, I’ve been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

And all my life You have been faithful,
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire.
In the darkest night, You are close like no other.
I’ve known You as a Father, I’ve known You as a Friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.
With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now,
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me.

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Blessing and Sending

Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world.

Thanks be to God.

Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church through community and for the city.