

PRAYER & ACTION

We Are a People of Prayer and Action Extending God's Love

BACK-TO-CHURCH
2022



BE INSPIRED

"Inspiration comes through participation in the beautiful, life-giving habits of worship, service, and connection in community."



Back-to-church is an inspiring time of year! That feeling of homecoming raises my spirits, settles my heart, and always reminds me of my first Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral.

My first impression of Christ Church was a powerful one. The music was magnificent, and the food was crazy good. Most of all, I loved you! Your joy and creativity overflowed with love, and your lives of prayer and action inspired me.

Inspiration is a gift from God. It lifts our spirits, motivates us to be our best, and empowers us to be more loving and caring in all our relationships. It sometimes hits like a thunderbolt, like the first time I met you, yet more often, it comes to us in small ways if we pay attention to subtle moments that spark joy. Either way, inspiration occurs because God is filling us with life's breath and the power of the Holy Spirit.

If divine inspiration is the difference between merely living and being fully alive, how can we make being inspired our priority at Christ Church Cathedral? It's an important goal because inspired people inspire others. So how do we do that?

The apostle Paul describes three simple practices that infuse us with God's Spirit and bring us fully alive. (1Thessalonians 1:3)

- work energized by faith
- service motivated by love
- endurance inspired by hope

If you feel uninspired and fear it will never return, or if you want to grow in inspiration and inspire others, there is hope. St. Paul reminds us that inspiration comes through participating in the beautiful, life-giving habits of worship, service, and connection in community.

In this exciting back-to-church season, the Holy Spirit is being breathed into us and we are coming alive. God calls us to open our hearts to each other and the world. How will you be inspired?

Carol +

THE VERY REVEREND CAROL WADE
Dean & Rector



BE INSPIRED TO SERVE

Serving changes our lives as we help others connect with God.



INSPIRED TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS

It takes many people to put together the worship services that mean so much to us. Liturgy means “the work of the people.” Our Sunday liturgies invite everyone to join together in one living expression of divine worship. Together we glorify God, are uplifted through music, reconnect with God and our fellow Cathedral members, hear God’s teaching, and are inspired for mission. Everyone is invited to serve in this “work of the people.” Serving in worship changes lives as we help people connect with God.

HERE ARE SOME EXCITING WAYS TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS!



THE ALTAR AND FLOWER GUILDS

- The altar and flower guilds create an environment of beauty that welcomes us into a place of peace.

VERGERS, ACOLYTES, AND READERS

- Vergers and acolytes lead us into the holiness of God
- Readers communicate God’s story.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

- Communion ministers offer Christ’s presence in bread and wine, and home communion ministers share the Spirit with our folks at home.

LIVESTREAM AND SOUND TEAMS

- Our livestream and sound teams extend God’s love into the world.

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Contact Diane Milburn at dmilburn@ccclex.org to learn more about joining one of these exciting teams.

BECOME AN USHER

Feeling a little nervous when I entered the sanctuary for my first Christ Church service, my friend Patti Howard approached me as soon as she saw me and said, “Paul, come over and sit with us.” I felt so welcome! I quickly discovered this welcoming and inviting presence throughout Christ Church and immediately knew I belonged here. This inspired me to get involved in ushering to pass on this loving, joyful and inviting presence to everyone who enters and participates in our services. Thank you, Christ Church, for this opportunity. It never ceases to amaze me how fun and eventful simply ushering in a Christ Church service can be. –Paul O’Neill



If you would like to learn more about serving as an usher, please contact Peggy Trafton at mtrafton1@gmail.com.



SERVE OUR STUDENTS

CALLING ALL ADULTS TO SERVE OUR YOUTH:

STUDENT | Life needs your help! Serving our young people is a fun and inspiring way to grow in faith and love and positively impact our teens.

On Sunday mornings at 10am, students and leaders reflect on scripture and turn faith into action. On Sunday evenings, our students and adult leaders share meals, prayers and scripture. Together, their lives are transformed in service to God and one another.

If you would like to serve our youth, contact Ondie Vinson, interim minister of youth, at ovinson@cccllex.org. Sunday School and Youth Group, grades 6-12, begin on Sunday, September 11. Join us as God transforms our hearts and lives into the image of Christ.

JOIN A BREAKFAST TEAM

I joined the Holy Rolls breakfast team as a new member of the church. I love to cook and my husband, dad, and I have a tradition of eating out for weekend breakfast. I was hooked by the "best breakfast in Lexington" slogan! It is a fun way to socialize and play with the indus-



trial kitchen equipment! I have been thankful to help deliver a delicious meal to so many on Sundays. I look forward to getting back in the kitchen!
—Lydia Curtz

If you are interested in joining a breakfast team, contact Elizabeth Woodward at ewoodward@deandorton.com.



SERVE IN CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Do you enjoy reading and telling stories to little ones? Storytelling in Children's Chapel is a great way to inspire faith in our kids. Reading a story about baptism before the kids come running in to gather around the font for a baptism fills them with wonder and helps them make meaning. We will help you choose stories and have you back in time to share the peace, enjoy the offertory anthem, and participate in communion. Sundays at 11am. Contact Elizabeth Conrad for information at elizabeth@cccllex.org.



JOIN THE CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Unique in its depth and breadth, instruction for the boys and girls follows the Royal School of Church Music curriculum. Children and youth deepen their sense of history, language, and art as well as their ability to interpret sacred texts and music. Through the ongoing efforts of learning and working together, the choristers develop friendships, become part of a community that uplifts their efforts, and learn to be leaders at the heart of vibrant worship.



THE CATHEDRAL CHOIRS ARE GOING TO ENGLAND!

We have accepted an invitation to sing for a week-long Choir Residency in July, 2023 at Chester Cathedral in Chester, England. If you are interested in joining our choristers for this transformative experience, consider joining our companion tour by contacting Kathleen Balling at kballing@ccclex.org.



Choristers at our 2022 Choir Camp

We are recruiting children and adults for the fall for the Boys choir, Girls choir and Imps, and for the Women's choir. We are also looking forward to auditioning for the ATB choir. Serving in choir creates community and helps us experience God's love together. Interested in joining one of the Cathedral Choirs? Contact Canon Musician, Erich Balling at eballing@ccclex.org.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

If you love the musical offerings of Christ Church Cathedral—from Sunday morning Eucharists, Handel's *Messiah*, Faure's *Requiem*, Pre-Evensong concerts, to the Service of Lessons and Carols—consider becoming a Friend of Cathedral Music. For more information, contact Canon Erich Balling at eballing@ccclex.org.

INSPIRED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD



HARRISON ELEMENTARY

Harrison Elementary Mentors are getting ready for the new school year. Mentors tutor at-risk students for one hour per week at the school. This is an incredible opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of young people as we encourage, inspire, and help set them up for success in their educational lives. To become a mentor, contact Loys Mather at loysmather@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE

It's a real gift to us to be among the many folks who serve on the Pastoral Care Team here at Christ Church Cathedral. It's a true behind-the-scenes opportunity and an authentic way to give through hands, feet, and heart. We spend



Kevin & Janis Gilbert

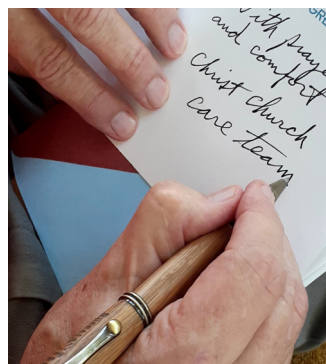
and give away some small amount of time to send a card, make a call, or even cook something. Every small thing becomes Christ's language of compassion and care for folks dear to us or those we may never have met.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

The Community Cupboard serves our neighbors at the NEST, Ballard Place, and the Lexington Rescue Mission. Last year they offered supplies to over 7,000 people! We are partnering with Central Christian Church to provide a free clothing closet opening this Fall. If you want to serve some of our most vulnerable community members, contact Kathleen Imhoff at kathleenrtimhoff@gmail.com.

CROSS MINISTRIES

CROSS Ministries is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for Anny and her daughter Lumiere. Anny settled in Lexington to escape war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Cathedral members will finish Anny's home in September. If you want to help with painting, landscaping, and the finishing touches, you can sign up on the Cathedral website ccclex.org/habitat.



This Team has brought food and calls to our own door at the loss of our parents, and we feel simple joy in paying it forward. The Care Team reminds us that we're all in this life together and that serving others, even in a simple way, is serving Christ Himself.

Interested in joining a care team?

Contact Diane Milburn at dmilburn@ccclex.org.

B.U.I.L.D.

God calls us to promote safety and equity for our neighbors (Jeremiah 29:7). Christ Church Cathedral joined 25 other local faith communities as a member of Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action (BUILD). These faith communities advocate for positive change. Last year BUILD focused on three efforts: reducing violence in Lexington, increasing city funding for affordable housing, and making transportation accessible for those seeking mental health care. This Fall, the Cathedral will join a city-wide listening process with the other faith communities to determine the three focus areas for next year. For more information or to join this team, contact Sharon Stewart at sharonstewart855@gmail.com.



MATT STRANGE: NEW INTERN FOR MISSION & OUTREACH

Hi, friends! I am excited to join the Christ Church Cathedral team as Intern for Mission and Outreach! I have lived in Central/Eastern Kentucky my whole life, so I'm no stranger to the difficulties faced by folks in our area. Kentuckians face poverty, food insecurity, homelessness, and injustices of many kinds.

That's where the Church comes in. As a people of prayer and action, I believe our Cathedral can make a meaningful difference to our neighbors. I hope you'll walk with me as I coordinate outreach events throughout this next year for the entire Cathedral community to participate in. Let's try to make our city a little more "on Earth as it is in Heaven."

If you know of a need that the Cathedral can address, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, and we will work to do our part!

Peace be with you all. I look forward to serving with you!



ART AT THE CATHEDRAL

Art at the Cathedral (AATC) provides 'sacred space' for artists who feel that visual art is one of their modes of spirituality. Our current exhibition is on theme of the divine feminine. Each new exhibition kicks off with a party that coincides with the Gallery Hop consortium of downtown art galleries. If you would like join this community of art lovers who display inspiring art and host exciting Gallery Hops, please contact Mike Slone at mike@sblex.com.



Matt Strange
Intern for Mission & Outreach

BE INSPIRED TO WORSHIP

Worship creates peace and empowers us with purpose.



PREACHING THAT INSPIRES

This Fall, we begin a new sermon series, Be Inspired. Sermons at Christ Church Cathedral seek to draw together the community, make sense of our lives and this world, and help us find courage to be people of prayer and action. In this sermon series, we will see how God invites us to be fully alive. God's spirit lifts our hearts, renews our strength, and encourages us to share Christ's love with our neighbors. We hope you will join us and discover the marvelous ways God is inspiring you in your life.



NEW LITURGICAL BANNERS CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

An inspiring journey unfolds at Christ Church Cathedral with an exciting project from renowned liturgical artist Nancy Chinn. A series of banners inspired by scripture and infused with color symbolic of the liturgical seasons will soon make their way into the warmth and beauty of our worship space.

Chinn, who has more than 500 artistic installations to her credit, including important installations at Washington National Cathedral and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, created a banner series for Christ Church Cathedral. Drawing on her signature style of bold design and saturated color, the artist created an abstract series of banners portraying the essence of the church seasons through dramatic use of color and movement. These beautiful banners invite worshipers to journey through the church year with their senses and experience God afresh through the ancient rhythms of faith.

The banner series, which seeks to inspire and add depth to our worship, was given to the glory of God and in memory of Ann Land Maury by her children. Come and learn more about the project when the complete set of banners is introduced at the Sunday Forum on September 25 at 10 am. The first set of banners depicting the beautiful green growing season of Ordinary Time will be displayed in the worship space beginning on Sunday, October 2. May our journey through the Christian year accompanied by art and scripture inspire us to grow in faith.



Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and counsel one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16

MUSIC

Each week, we are led joyfully into worship by the Cathedral Choirs as the congregation, organ, and choirs unite in praise. Music at Christ Church exists to inspire all who visit the Cathedral and enhance the cultural life of the community.

This Fall, we look forward to a sublime choral eucharist on Sunday, September 18 at 11am, and choral evensong, one of the great treasures of the Anglican tradition, on Sundays, September 25 and November 6 at 4pm, as our choirs breathe new life into inspiring choral music and help us to encounter the living God.



LITURGY

As Christians, Sunday is the high point of our week. It is the day we gather to experience God's love, reconnect with friends, and refocus on God's purpose for our lives. Back-to-church is an inspiring time of year when we experience fresh motivation to enjoy the sacred rhythms foundational to abundant life in Christ. This Fall, we look forward to several special services of thanksgiving and commissioning.



AUGUST 14 - BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY!

We will pray for our students, teachers, and Harrison School mentors as they begin a new year. We invite our students to bring backpacks for a special blessing during the service at 10am. School supplies and treats are available for kids, and gift cards for middle and high schoolers in the garden following the service at 10am.

AUGUST 21-ACOLYTE COMMISSIONING SUNDAY!

Acolytes have an important job as leaders of worship! Our young people work with Vergers to ensure the orderly flow of public worship services and provide the context where people can experience God's presence in gathered worship. During the worship service at 10am, we will give thanks for all of our acolytes and commission new ones!

SEPTEMBER 4 - RALLY DAY!

Cookout at 11am with inflatables for the kids. Worship at 8 and 10am. All are welcome! On this day we launch into fall by renewing our life in Christ through play, learning, and worship.

Fall Evensongs at 4pm

September 25 & November 6



LIVESTREAM

In Advent last year, we began livestreaming Cathedral services. Our livestream allows Cathedral members to stay connected whether when traveling, or they are stuck at home, or unable to participate in person. It is also a great gift for our community. Many of our new members found us first online and worshippers are tuning in from all over the world from Mexico to The Netherlands! We are so grateful to the Episcopal Church Women of Christ Church Cathedral for their donation, which made it possible for us to install six cameras in the nave as well as the equipment required to run them. As the impact of this ministry expands this Fall, we are excited to add new members to the livestream team! Interested in joining the team? Contact Amy Bridges at abridges@ccclex.org.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

BRING YOUR BACKPACKS

August 14

to receive a blessing
at the 10am service.



Join us in the garden after
the service to receive a school supply kit and treats!

BE INSPIRED TO GROW

We grow by learning together in groups.



GROUPS ARE LAUNCHING IN SEPTEMBER!



REGISTRATION BEGINS

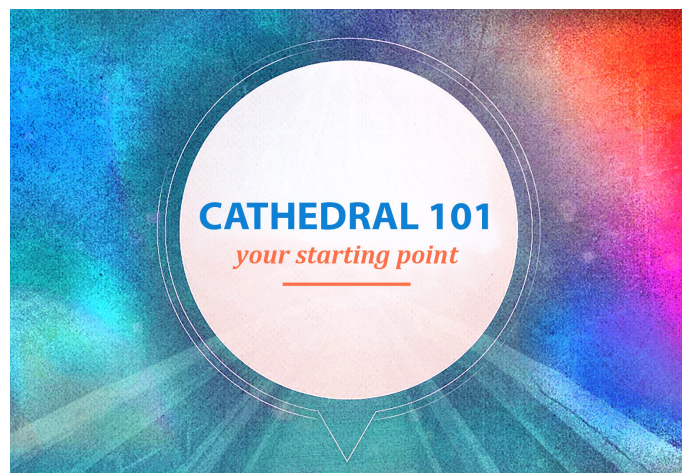
AUGUST 17

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE
TO EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF
WHY LIFE IS BETTER CONNECTED

CATHEDRAL 101

CALLING ALL NEWCOMERS:

Cathedral 101: Your Starting Point is the ideal group for figuring out how to make faith practical in your life while experiencing a taste of community. If you're new to the cathedral, have been away from church for a while, or want an engaging refresher on faith's essentials, this is for you. If you are interested in joining this group, contact The Rev. Charles Halton at chalton@ccclex.org.



DEAN'S BIBLE STUDY

Need a good word to start your day? Studying scripture together in community provides direction and purpose as God's word inspires us in surprising ways. We will pray, reflect, and ask questions. We'll apply what we learn and challenge ourselves to grow. If you can't attend every week, no worries, just come and go as needed. Tuesdays at 7:30am on zoom. All are welcome! Interested in learning more? Contact Dean Carol at cwade@ccclex.org.

CATHEDRAL 201

CALLING ALL CATHEDRAL MEMBERS:

Want to connect with others and grow your faith? Cathedral 201 small groups meet each Sunday at 10am to discuss real-life, practical faith, and care for one another. Don't miss your chance to experience for yourself why life is better connected. To join a 201 group, contact Tanya Whitehouse at tanya@whitehouse@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer is a modern approach to an ancient Christian practice that focuses the mind and body on the presence of God. If you want to connect more deeply with the Spirit of God inside you, this is the group for you! Centering prayer groups meet Wednesdays at 5pm in Helm 302. Contact Elizabeth Conrad at elizabeth@ccclex.org for more information or to join!



The Cathedral Young Adults group is excited to welcome a new leadership team working with Rev. Charles to plan, promote, and be a welcoming presence at Young Adult events. Our new leaders are Chance Bender, Kristina Tucker Cook, Laura Combs, Lydia McManus, and Harper Smith-Michael. We are looking forward to an exciting Fall of fun social events, outreach opportunities serving those who are marginalized within society, and a retreat to Thomas Merton's hermitage on October 8. To join this fun and welcoming group, contact The Rev. Charles Halton at chalton@ccclex.org.

FALL SERVICE TIMES

8:30 & 11:00am
Worship & Holy Eucharist

Beginning
Sunday, Sept. 11

Sunday Schedule
Beginning Sunday, September 11

- 8:30am** Worship & Holy Eucharist
- 9:15am** Breakfast
IN THE GREAT HALL
- 10:00am** Classes & Groups
for all ages
- 11:00am** Worship & Holy Eucharist
Children's Chapel
- 5:00pm** STUDENT | Life



CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS:

STUDENT|Life invites you to connect with friends, experience God, and become an awesome human. We will eat good food each week, serve others, and ask audacious questions. Breakfast at 9am, Sunday School at 10am, serve and worship at 11am, and Youth Group at 5pm.

FAMILIES

@ THE CATHEDRAL

Families at the Cathedral is an energetic group of parents and kids who gather for a fun event or outreach project once a month. Join us at one of our upcoming meetups: Fundraiser for the Cathedral Domain at Belle's Cocktail House, Sunday, August 20; Apple Picking at Eckert's Orchard, Saturday, September 18; Family day at West 6th Farm, Saturday, October 16. For more information, contact Charles Halton at chilton@ccclex.org.



Ondie Vinson
Interim Minister for Youth

CALLING ALL YOUTH AGED 12-19:

Confirmation is one of the most significant steps in our Christian lives together. In confirmation, the bishop formally receives us into the Episcopal Church, prays for each confirmand, and gives them a special blessing and commissioning for ministry. We have a special program designed to prepare us for this special time, and it begins with a trip to a ropes course on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18! After this kickoff weekend, our confirmands will meet on Sunday mornings at 10am in the STUDENT|Life room in the basement of the Helm building as they journey together toward confirmation which will take place around Easter of next year. Please contact Ondie Vinson if you or your teen want to join the confirmation group: ovinson@ccclex.org.





GODLY PLAY

Children are little theologians. Godly Play uses that insight to help nourish children's faith. Godly Play is an immersive story-telling style that uses wonder and play to evoke deep spiritual reflections. It's also a ton of fun for both children and adults. Godly Play meets each Sunday at 10am. Would you consider serving as a Godly Play teacher? If you want to know more about serving our children as a leader, please contact Elizabeth Conrad at elizabeth@ccclex.org.



CROSS Ministry's



ANNUAL BAKE SALE!



SEEKING FOLKS WHO LIKE TO BAKE & SHARE!

Sign up to donate a baked item for the
CROSS Ministry Bake Sale Fundraiser.

Donation drop off will be
Saturday, November 19th

Questions? Contact Sherry Ferguson at sherrywferguson@yahoo.com

SIGN UP NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26



ADULT FORUMS

The Forum is a series of conversations at the intersection of faith and life. We invite inspiring people to present on topics that engage our hearts and minds with the goal of helping us to understand our faith better and translate that into action. This Fall, we look forward to an incredible lineup of poets, educators, faith leaders, and outreach organizations.



FORUM SCHEDULE (September-November)

The Forum meets Sunday mornings at 10am in the Great Hall. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 11

Devin Brown

What inspiration is and where it can be found

SEPTEMBER 18

The B.U.I.L.D. Group

How we can advocate for positive change in Lexington

SEPTEMBER 25

Dean Carol Wade

Unveiling the new liturgical banners designed by artist Nancy Chinn

OCTOBER 2

Episcopal Church Women leaders

Present some ways their ministry impacts our community

OCTOBER 9

The Rev. Dr. Charles Halton

How to Read the Bible in the 21st Century, Part 1

OCTOBER 16

The Rev. Dr. Charles Halton

How to Read the Bible in the 21st Century, Part 2

OCTOBER 23

Thomas Becker

Meet seminarian Thomas Becker, who will join us as a third clergy person in May

OCTOBER 30

Consecration Sunday Brunch (No Adult Forum)

NOVEMBER 6

Dr. Steve Hess

Associate Professor of Political Science at Transylvania University will discuss the U.S. relationship with China

NOVEMBER 13

Eric Scott Sutherland

The author will share poetry from his newest book, *The Earth is My Church*



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Rally Day!

Our fall Kickoff Party

Sunday, September 4

Worship at 8 & 10am

Food & Fun at 11am