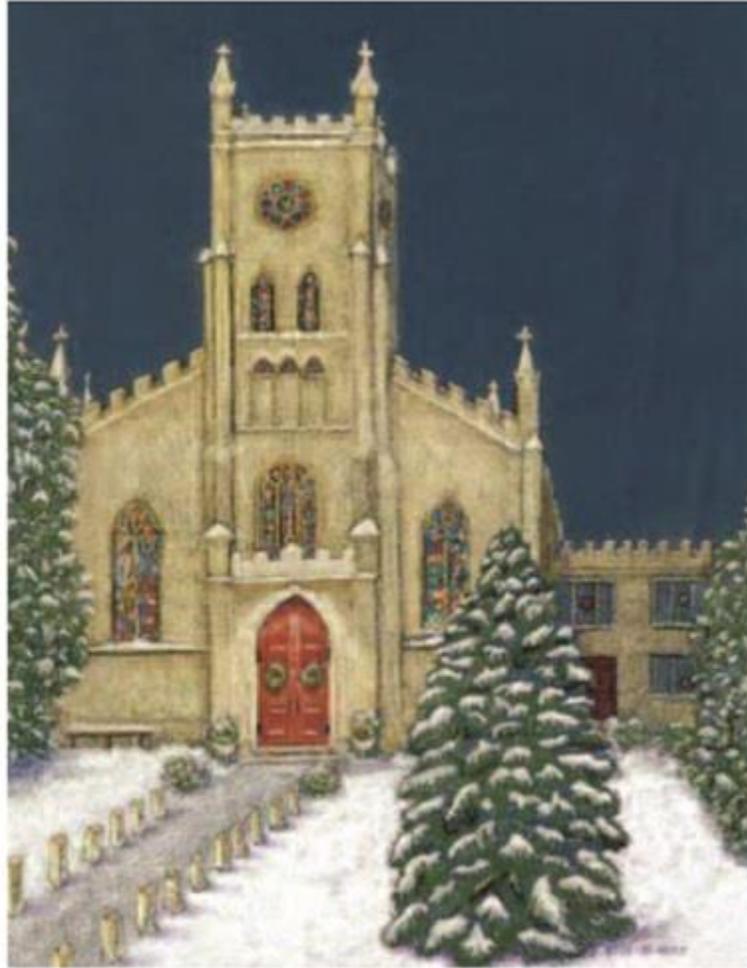


Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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*Let this bulletin be your guide through the service;
it includes everything you need.*

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

BCP 754

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to

destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. John Kellogg

The Prayers of the People

BCP 388

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

The People may add their own petitions
People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The People may add their own petitions
People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
The People may add their own petitions
Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 393

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(The Celebrant prays an absolution)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Music

All are invited to support Christ Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by contributing using one of the many options available. **(Christ Church Giving QR Code.)**



Please see the back of the bulletin for links and more information.

At the presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord,
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and

said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Liturgist Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/265300284?pwd=T1N1UUg1ZkM1anBRZINETGMwY3NzUT09>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265 300 284) Password: **WayofLove**

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

Officiant & Preacher:	The Rev. John Kellogg
Sacristan:	Keith Lopes & Cynthia Thomas
Liturgist:	Karen Wilson Román
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Special Meeting and Annual Meeting, February 7, Noon, by Beth Mullin, Vestry Clerk: There will be a Special Meeting of the Parish via Zoom on Sunday, February 7, at 12:00 noon. At this meeting, there will be a confidential Zoom vote on proposed changes to the Parish bylaws to allow the Annual Meeting to be held electronically and other minor changes. If an electronic meeting is approved, the Annual Meeting will begin immediately following the Special Meeting. A copy of the proposed bylaws changes is available [HERE](#) and an explanation of the changes are available [HERE](#).

To view these documents, please visit the "Document Library" section of our website.
<https://washingtonparish.org/about-us/document-library/>

Save the Date – Parish Virtual Annual Meeting, February 7, noon: Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be hosting the 227th Annual Meeting via Zoom. We will need a quorum (30 people) to elect new Vestry members, report on the financial status of the parish, and look forward at 2021. Voting at the meeting will take place anonymously by Zoom poll. A list of voting members may be viewed here.

Picking Up Consecrated Communion Wafers, Saturdays, 10am – 11am: The Eucharistic Prayer has returned to the service and each Saturday morning from 10am – 11am consecrated communion wafers are available for pick-up via the courtyard behind the church (entrance from the church parking lot). You may pick up a supply (such as a month's worth) for your

household to avoid weekly visits. Gluten-free wafers will also be available for pick-up. COVID Safety: the wafers will be consecrated and put into sealed envelopes with the clergy and liturgists wearing masks and gloves. All parishioners are required to wear masks when they pick up the wafers and will not be permitted to enter the building. If you cannot come to the church or need to make other arrangements for pick-up, please contact Gary Abrecht at garyabrecht@gmail.com.

Mardi Gras Celebration, Tues. Feb. 16, 6:30: Join us on Tuesday, February 16, 6:30pm-8pm for a virtual Mardi Gras party! Instead of our traditional pancake supper, we will send out “supply” bags with everything you need to make Mardi Gras masks and some sweet treats to celebrate the last day before Lent. We will play some Mardi Gras trivia while we make masks and eat, and then learn a bit about the transition from Shrove Tuesday to Ash Wednesday. All ages are welcome. Please register [here](#) and include your address for bag delivery, courtesy of the Saturday Morning Men’s Spirituality Group.

K9 Membership at Congressional Cemetery (dog walking membership program): Christ Church’s cemetery has an off-leash, dog-walking membership program with a long wait list. As part of the lease agreement, five current Christ Church members can skip the waitlist (several years long) to join the K9 Corps this year. (To be eligible, you must be a current Christ Church member as determined by participation and support of CCWP.) K9 Corps members must pay the annual fee and follow all dog-walking rules. For more information, visit the K9 Corps [website](#). If you are interested, send an email with your contact information to Jennifer Baker Howard at office@washingtonparish.org by **Jan. 31st** and indicate if you are already on the waitlist. Rev. John will review the list of interested candidates/eligible members; this opportunity will be first come, first served.

Formation and Fellowship

First Friday Book Club, Feb 5, 7pm: Please join us via Zoom for the next Book Club to discuss the February book, *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin. All are welcome.

First Friday Book Club Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83718189178?pwd=MDRVUHVVDTHhSakZDL29IOEpsV29ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 1818 9178 (Password if prompted: WayofLove)

The Adult Forum Continues through Feb. 14, 10am: The Rector, Rev. John Kellogg will lead the Epiphany Adult Forum discussing topics based on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. In this book, the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu discuss eight “pillars of joy,” qualities they believe lead to a more joyful life. During the season of Epiphany, we will explore our own “epiphanies” and experiences involving each of these pillars. Each conversation will seek to deepen our understanding of joy as a spiritual practice. There is no need to read the book in order to participate - just bring yourself. Please note – Rev. John will need to leave the conversation at 10:30am to prepare for the 11am Worship Service. Dates/topics: January 31st: Gratitude; February 7th: Compassion; February 14th: Generosity

Adult Forum Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/377727989?pwd=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWVGZ09>

Meeting ID: 377 727 989 (Password: WayofLove)

Friday Night Film Series resumes February 12 at 7pm: Join us online via Zoom on Friday, February 12 at 7 pm, as we kick off our 2021 film discussion series with a discussion of a movie commemorating Valentine's Day. Then on February 19 at 7 pm we begin our six-week discussion series of movies focused on a Lenten theme. Details on movies and guest speakers will be released in February. Watch the movies on your own then join us for lively conversation about the movies. Our discussions last an hour, and all are welcome.

Adult Formation/Education Winter Offerings via Diocese: The Episcopal Diocese of Washington's School for Christian Faith & Leadership has announced its January - March offerings (listed below by start date). This information is also available in the [School for Christian Faith and Leadership Newsletter](#). Consider [signing up here](#) to receive future School newsletters (bi-monthly) for more classes, seminars, and other offerings to build your faith and connection to God.

Winter 2021 School Offerings

(listed by start date)

Feb 23 [Find Your Spark](#)

Feb 24 [Grace in the Wilderness: Lenten Practices in a Time of Disruption](#)

Mar 11 [Faith Formation in a Changing Church](#)

Mar 22 [Gather Us In: Leading Transformational Small Groups](#)

Online Contemplative Retreat, Feb. 19-20: Led by Rev. Carole Crumley and Leah Rampy will co-lead an online contemplative retreat, titled *Brigid and Patrick: Fire in the Night*. Weaving together plenary times for listening to the voices of these two great Celtic spiritual guides, while taking their wisdom into our lives. There will be extended periods of silence for prayerful listening to the Spirit's voice and responding with our truest, most authentic selves. For more information and to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/CELTICwisdom>. (Rev. Carole Crumley was a former assistant rector at Christ Church many years ago.)

Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group, 9am: A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. The group has returned to hosting this meeting on Zoom due to the colder weather and spike in COVID infection rates in the area. If you would like more information, please contact Paul Laymon at pa.laymon@gmail.com.

Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/568905645?pwd=bkFnQTY4NHZvdXhiMk9tekwxME02QT09>

Meeting ID: 568 905 645 (Password if prompted: **WayofLove**)

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Chapel, 9am, via Zoom: Please join Rev. Mary Miller Flowers for stories and music appropriate for children ages 3 – 2nd grade (all children are welcome to participate).

Zoom Link for Children's Chapel for ages 3 – 2nd grade is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/141023266?pwd=US9SUNg2SnMzYTFJWitWSEt2Oklqdz09>

Meeting ID: 141 023 266 (Password CCWPKids)

Sunday School for grades 3rd – 5th (and older children welcome) will meet at 10am via Zoom for 40 minutes to focus on the stories of Jesus.

Zoom Link for Sunday School for 3rd – 5th grade is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222800831?pwd=clhzNGVnVTh5eGo3OEpVejNjV1hzZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2280 0831 (Password CCWPKids)

Outreach, Serving the Community

Calvary Women's Shelter: Thank you to the January volunteers for preparing Sunday suppers for the woman in transitional housing provided by Calvary Women's Services. This month's volunteers are: Lauren Welch; Nancy Metzger; Sherry Saunders; Barbara Crandall; Mike Grace; and organizer Linda Mellgren.

PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

For prayer requests from parish members and friends of the larger community: Emily Lewis (aunt of Marian Connolly); Cindy Hambleton (mother of Carole Anne Hawkins); Jurate Butkute (friend of Bill James); Kathie Crandall (aunt of Del Crandall); Noah Piper (friend of Lauren Welch); Jane Penn (sister of Charles Free); Linda Hine (friend of Katherine Patterson); Tom Howard (son-in-law of Sandra Hanbury); Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks); Becky Bowen (niece of Jack Jacobs); Mandy Brown (friend of Nancy Broers); Matthew Hall (husband of Jack Jacobs); Kristin (daughter of Jan and Rich Shea); Antonio Zelaya (friend of the Howard family); Diana Turkiewicz (daughter of Jean Turkiewicz)

Rest of the soul: Linda Norton (parishioner); Jim McLean (friend of Jennifer Baker Howard); Rosie Pinomaki (cousin of Linda Mellgren)

For those expecting a child: Megan Wilson and Andrea Broggi (April); Jamie and Rob Schafer (pending adoption)

For those preparing for baptism: Hugo Heaton (son of Kristin White and David Heaton)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield; Oliver Ackley; Lisa Barton; Sharon Bosworth; Aidan Chalk; Ben Chicoski; Anne Curry; Emily Earnest; Thomas Earnest; Lulu Ferland; Charles M. Free, Jr.; Amber Gove; Fletcher Hall; Tatum Hall; Max Heaton; Rafael Heaton; Jennifer Kuskowski; Lucien Marie; Jude McCarthy; Ravyn Montgomery-Vielmo; Katherine Moy; Susan Oakley; Joyce Palmer; Chris Pascuzzo; Jan Shea; Rich Shea; Bennett Svejkosky; John Sylvester; John Symington; Ryan Taylor; Andy Weber; Doris Werwie; Bing Yee; and Alexander Yellen

(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](#) the Church Office.)

Additional Worship Opportunities During the Week

All additional worship opportunities and formation events are held as Zoom meetings via video and/or telephone conference call via (646) 558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID number.

Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:30am: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead Morning Prayer; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960678710?pwd=OG40M25pNHNhZIN2QUU04M3lXMXN5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 678 710 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Thursday Compline, 8:30pm: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead the service; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/376730107?pwd=UEtpb1V3MDNpM0Y0eUZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
Meeting ID: 376 730 107 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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You may give to Christ Church in one of four ways:

- (1) Using the QR code below, make a one-time gift or set up recurring, automatic gifts from your bank account or via credit card to the Christ Church's Annual Fund via our secure database. You will use your email address to log in and create a password.



- (2) one-time donations via our website: <https://washingtonparish.org/donate-to-christ-church/>
- (3) by phone – Text 73256, in the message field type CCWP (Christ Church’s keyword) and the gift amount (e.g. \$20, \$100, etc.). You will receive a text with a link to a secure site to complete your gift via bank account, credit card, or debit card. Click the link to complete your donation. You will receive a receipt by email. Standard text message rates apply if applicable.
- (4) by sending a check to Christ Church - Washington Parish, 620 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003