



THE JORDAN SERVICES

**be BOLD!**  
Christ Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist**

August 7, 2022

11:15 a.m.

# WELCOME!

We are so glad you are with us in the Jordan Services at Christ Church. This church exists to transform lives through the love of God in Christ. The Jordan River was a place of transformation throughout the Bible - and while it marked change, it also marked the way home. Welcome home! In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

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### Deepening faith through Christian care

By Maggie FitzRoy

I was devastated. Nine years ago, I felt forced to resign from a job I loved, plunging me into an identity crisis, deep grief, and paralyzing fear. I didn't know what I had done to deserve it, what I was going to do next, or how I was going to pay my bills.

Fortunately, as a long-time parishioner of Christ Church, I had strong faith and believed in the power of prayer. So I went to see Father Bob Morris, who prayed with me, calmed me down, gave me valuable insights, and realized that I needed more than that. He asked if I would be open to having a Stephen Minister—a trained fellow parishioner who I could meet with once a month—and I said yes. I'm grateful I did. Over the course of a year, as my Stephen Minister and I met once a week, I gradually felt myself heal in her compassionate listening presence, caring, and prayer.

Stephen Ministry offers high-quality, one-to-one Christ-centered care to people experiencing life difficulties, including grief, medical crisis, family-caregiver stress, job loss, financial difficulties, divorce, family difficulties, and major life transitions. The church needs more Stephen Ministers (men and women), and a new training class begins in September.

Stephen Minister Madeleine Tavares says the 50-hour training course deepened her faith while teaching her to become a better listener, and put her compassion into action in helpful ways. For more information about Stephen Ministry contact Pastoral Care Coordinator Terri Brice at [tbrice@christepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:tbrice@christepiscopalchurch.org).

"Stephen Ministers are listeners and comforters," Tavares says. They don't attempt to fix problems, but through their training, learn how to ask questions that may help care receivers think differently. The meetings, always private and confidential, are centered around what the care receiver needs, which Tavares says is not always prayer. "This is a very practical ministry, and some people are angry at God," she says. Although, "God is always with me the times I'm doing this. Things come out of my mouth that I didn't think of myself."

"Being a Stephen Minister is extremely rewarding," Tavares says. "When you can see what you have done has helped, when you see change in a positive sense, it is very, very rewarding."

As a care receiver, I am extremely grateful for the time and comfort my Stephen Minister gave me. My life is better for it today.

## Service Order

- Opening Prayer
- *Everlasting God*
- The Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*
- Watch, Be Ready
- Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40
- Sermon: *The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan*
- The Nicene Creed
- The Prayers of the People, Form IV
- The Confession
- The Passing of Peace
- Welcome and Announcements
- Backpacks Blessing
- Offertory - *Stay and Wait*
- Gathering at the Table
- Eucharistic Prayer
- *Revelation Song*
- Closing Prayers
- Blessing, Dismissal

## Come Serve With Us



Let us know you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!

## Pass the Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. THANK YOU for your faithful gifts to the church, today and always!



## Connection Card

Please complete this card and place it in the offering plate. List first and last names of all in attendance. If you have previously completed a card, use this for updating information.

Names:

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

First time guest?

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to know more about

- Nursery
- Children
- Youth
- Young Adult
- Adult Formation
- Fine Arts/Music
- Early Learning/Preschool Program
- Volunteer in the church
- Volunteer in community
- Newcomer Class

For more information on ministry opportunities at Christ Church, please contact Deacon Leila Quinlan, Parish Life Coordinator, at 904-285-7390, ext. 223 or [leila@christepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:leila@christepiscopalchurch.org).

# Prayer Card

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess 5:16-18)

If you desire prayers for yourself or others, please fill out this card and place it in the offering plate.

- Prayer Request
- Confidential
- Thanksgiving

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Your name

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Your phone

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Date

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# What's Happening at Christ Church

## Cuba Ministry Meeting

Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Dining Room

Join us after the Wednesday Eucharist to meet Fr. Adreano Fuentes from our companion church in Cuba and get an update from our sister parish. Wine and cheese will be served. (This is not a fundraiser).

## Bi-lingual Service

August 14

The 11:15 Jordan Service will be celebrated in English and Spanish, with musicians from the Spanish service joining the Jordan Band. All are welcome to take part in the service and join us in the dining room for a potluck lunch afterward. You are encouraged to bring food to share.

For a **complete list of events**, ministry activities and more please visit our website.



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