



THE JORDAN SERVICES

**be BOLD!**  
Christ Episcopal Church

**Holy Eucharist**

January 16, 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! For your own safety, and for others who are more vulnerable, we ask that you practice social distancing, and to prepare for this service, please turn off cell phones.

Thank you!

## Answering God's Call to Help

By Maggie FitzRoy

As a young mother in the 1970s, Carol Williams watched television clips of Vietnamese refugees fleeing for their lives, wading out to sea with their children on their shoulders, pleading for asylum aboard U.S. ships. Moved by their desperation, she felt called by God to help, and successfully assisted a family with seven children obtain food, clothing, housing, and employment to start new lives in America.

Now, Williams is answering God's call again. Last summer, watching video of Afghanistan refugees desperately trying to flee their country amid the chaos of U.S. withdrawal, she realized a horrible sense of déjà vu. She quickly organized a group of like-minded volunteers, then through a network of military veterans, connected with a family that escaped Afghanistan and need help resettling.

The family includes a young man, his wife, their infant daughter, and a female cousin. Williams and the resettlement team secured an apartment for them, and now they are asking for additional help from the community. "We are helping a family with a baby, who are homeless, fleeing danger in their homeland," she emailed to her volunteers on Christmas Day. "I am touched by the similarity of our situation with that of the Christmas Story. How blessed are we to be a part of that?"

The young father served as a U.S.-trained Black Hawk helicopter pilot with the Afghan Air Force, speaks perfect English, and was also an interpreter. He has a degree in civil engineering "and is a wonderful man," whose goal is to become an American citizen, Williams says. A U.S. pilot who worked with him in Afghanistan wrote that "under fire he was reliable, articulate, and highly respected by his peers." His wife and cousin do not speak English, but they are expert seamstresses who want to start an online clothing business with a donated sewing machine.

The group would also like help to provide money for rent for a year, groceries, and clothing.

"English tutoring services would also be great. And it would be great if someone could donate a car. We are being called to help the less fortunate," Williams says. "I believe this is an opportunity for our community to stand up together in the footsteps of Christ. This is about living our faith."

Donations may be routed through Christ Episcopal Church, either online through the website, or in the office via cash or checks. In-kind donations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Contact the church office to discuss details..

## Service Order

- Opening Prayer
- *Our God*
- The Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- *Come Thou Fount*
- Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11
- Sermon: *The Rev. Keith Oglesby*
- The Nicene Creed
- The Prayers of the People, Form III
- The Confession
- The Passing of Peace
- Welcome and Announcements
- Offertory - *Way Maker*
- Gathering at the Table
- Eucharistic Prayer
- *Great Are You Lord*
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Your phone

Your email

Date

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# What's Happening at Christ Church

The church appreciates your continued generosity as we complete 2021. Thank you also to everyone who has made a pledge or recurring gift for 2022. Your financial commitment to Christ Church helps us plan for all our ministries— glorious worship, faithful Christian formation, loving fellowship, and Christ-filled ministry to our neighbors locally and around the world. Please contact Liz McCarthy, Fr. Keith, or Fr. Tom with any questions you may have.

**Thank you** to all who have made your pledge already! As of Tuesday, Jan 11 we have received 600 pledges and gifts, for \$3,079,628.

## Community Circle for Moms, Winter Book Study Begins Friday, January 21

The Community Circle for Moms (f/k/a Ministry of Mothers Sharing) will study Freeing Jesus, by Diana Butler Bass. All are welcome. Complimentary childcare is available by reservation. For more information and to sign up, please contact Catherine Montgomery at [cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:cmontgomery@christepiscopalchurch.org).

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



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