



Christ Our Hope

**Apprenticed to Jesus, Learning Together,
Serving Wilmington**

Ash Wednesday- February 14, 2024

Church Information

Upcoming Events

Sundays: 9-9:45am JV Youth in front room
6-7:30pm Youth Group at the church

Wednesdays: Celebrate Recovery - meal provided at 5:30pm, large group meeting at 6:30pm
11am-1pm Church open for prayer through Lent, starting 2/21

Fridays: 7-8am Men's Bible Study @ Katy's

***Let Ashley know if you're interested in coming to an upcoming membership class.**

***If you're interested in joining a community group, email Ashley at aowens@cohwillmington.org**

COH Financial Snapshot for December 2023

	December 2023	Fiscal YTD
Giving: Members & Visitors	\$26,069.53	\$140,867.34
Other support	\$1,412.00	\$7,363.63
Total income	\$27,481.53	\$148,230.97
Total Expenses	\$30,338.77	\$184,902.04
Difference	(\$2,857.24)	(\$36,671.07)

**Our current fiscal year runs July 2023 through June 2024. Online giving is available at: coh-ilm.churchcenteronline.com



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Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Leader: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised
He's risen from the grave!

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The Lessons

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Gospel

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 6:1-6

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Ash Wednesday 2024

Rev. Curt Solomon

Abide With Me (Eventide)

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
Thou who changest not abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks
And earth's shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me

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Imposition of Ashes

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus**

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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Psalm 103:6-14 Responsive Reading

6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

**7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

14 For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come, quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

**Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross**

You were as I, tempted and tried
Human, the word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Confession and Litany of Penitence

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints

in heaven and on earth,

that we have sinned by our own fault

in thought, word, and deed;

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience;

for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those

we think more fortunate than ourselves;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people,

and our failure to give of ourselves in love;

Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call.
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others,
and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our negligence in prayer and worship,
for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us;
Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Leader: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let's Connect



CONNECT

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Name _____

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(Please circle) I want to know more about...

- Baptism
- Christian Faith
- Community Group
- Communion
- Ways to Serve (Nursery, Reef, Celebrate Recovery Team, Hospitality Team, Communion Team, Usher Team, Reading Team, Prayer Team, etc.)
- The Anglican Church
- Celebrate Recovery

I would like a pastor to contact me. Yes No

I would like to receive Church communication. Yes No

Prayer Requests



PRAYER

How can we pray for you this week?

Is this a confidential request?