



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY

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Weekly Worship:

- 7:30 am Monday and Friday Morning Prayer
- 5:00 pm Monday and Friday Evening Prayer
- 8:00 am Sunday Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist (with Music)

2025 - another busy year. We started the year pondering a priest search. By mid-year, we could check that one off the list – in answer to our prayers, we had a Priest-in-Charge who is a perfect match.

By the end of summer, we had attended to a bunch of loose ends and we were able to begin thinking about how best to grow our parish.

Some bits were obvious, such taking care of our worship space and creating a safe and inviting environment. We attended to diseased trees, flooding gutters (and floors) and poor lighting and stepped up efforts to improve our sound systems. All this, and more, supports our mission of serving and increasing membership.

You have heard me say that Cathy’s service is a gift to this congregation on so many fronts, one of the most important being that of giving us the precious gift of time. Time to engage with our community, to welcome new members and to connect with those seeking to find a church family. There is no magical bean for growing a church community and research points to dedicated efforts by both clergy and congregation. To that end, we went back to our trusted partners on this journey (that’s you!) and asked for suggestions. We will share these ideas at the Annual Meeting as we talk about crafting a road map for 2026.

The essential ingredient to our success is YOU. Your contributions to this parish extend far beyond just attending Sunday services. You are serving on Altar Guild, as ushers and lectors, as Vestrypersons, as choir, as stewards of our finances, as Outreach and Inreach volunteers, crocheting, spending time with our youth, cooking, baking and embracing one another and new faces. You already do so much and yet, please ask yourself if there is just a wee bit more that you can contribute, maybe something that brings you joy. We have lots of work to do, but we’ll get it done because that’s what Christ Church does!

Betty



Quick links:

- Christ Church Website: www.christchurchmiddletown.org
- Christ Church Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchMiddletown/>

Fall Events 2025



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December Memories - Ladies Holiday Luncheon



December Memories - Spaghetti Dinner & Kids' Night





The Christmas season is always a special time at Christ Church and 2025 was no exception. This year saw increased attendance at all three services, a joyous happening.



Annual Children's Pageant





What's Happening at Christ Church

- January 15 - Atlantic House Fundraiser
- January 18 - Finance Meeting/Blood Drive
- January 25 - Annual Meeting
- February 15 - Pancake Breakfast
- March 7 - Soup Tasting
- March 20/21 - Rummage Sale



In 2026, as part of Monmouth250 and Middletown America250, Christ Church is planning events to engage the local community. The Township of Middletown will be placing a Betsy Ross 13-star flag on the Historic Church cemetery grounds as well as a sign with a QR code that links visitors to information about the site and those interred there. There are four Revolutionary War veterans (John Robbins, Isaac Van Dorn, Humphrey Willett and John Wilson) buried in Christ Church historic cemetery.

Click this link for more information about these Patriots:

<https://bit.ly/48J6vRv>

Greeting Ministry Update: The Greeting Ministry offers *name tags* for all who want them. If you want a tag, just place your name on the sheet in the Narthex. You can have first and last name or just a first name. Your tag will take 6-10 days. You can take keep tag with you or, if you are more forgetful, you can leave your tag on the magnetic board in the Narthex.

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