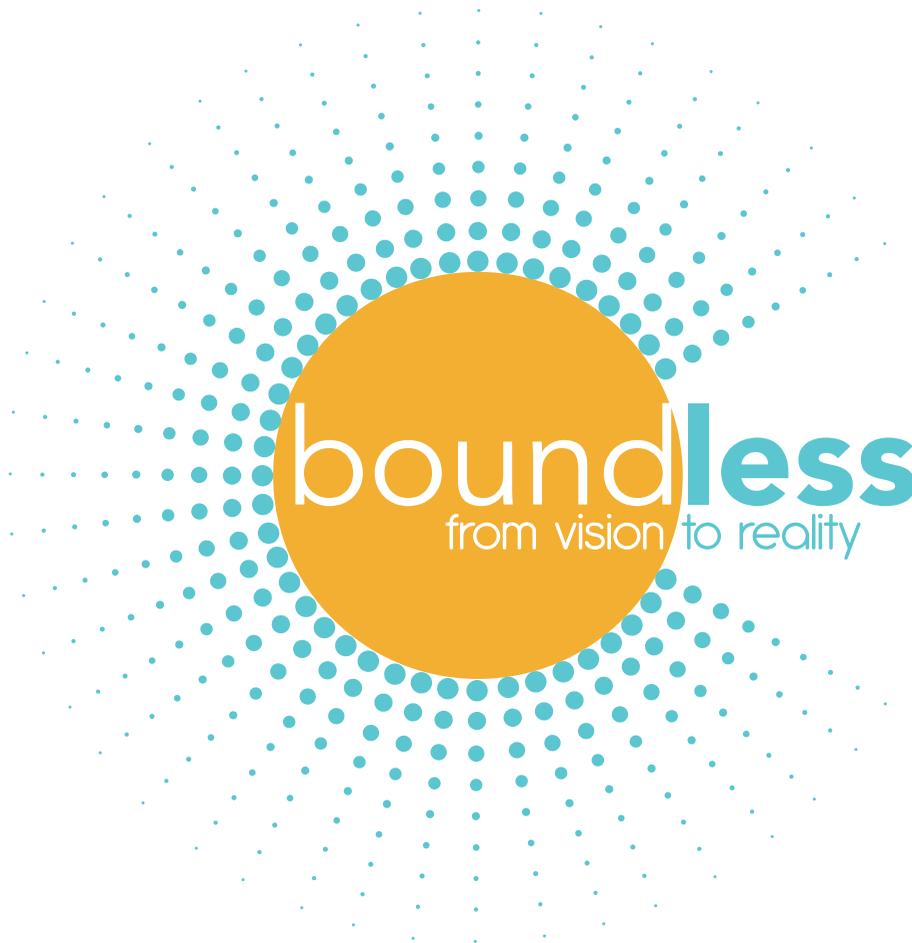


# THE MESSENGER

WORSHIP AND NEWS FROM  Christ United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Traditional Worship, 8:30am and 11am, Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship, 9am and 11:15am, Fellowship Center

## | Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church!

We are so glad to have you here with us today! We are a church that embraces people, the community, and the world with the boundless love of God. We hope you'll feel welcomed at Christ Church and be inspired through worship here.

### Guest Information

If this is your first time worshipping with us, please visit the Connection Point Desk, located between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Center. Our volunteers will be happy to help you learn more about the missions and ministries at Christ Church.

### Sunday School

We offer Sunday School classes for all ages each Sunday, 9:50am–10:50am. Visit the Connection Point Desk to find a class that's right for you.

### Children

All children are welcome to stay during our worship services; worship bags for ages 3–12 are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Center.

- **0–24 months:** During all services, a nursery is provided for infants through toddlers in Rooms 111 and 113, and is staffed by trained, professional childcare workers and parent helpers.
- **Ages 2–4:** Children ages 2 through 4 are welcome in the nursery during our early services. During our late services, in room 302, Worship Care provides a short lesson, snack, and playtime.
- **Grades K–5:** During our late worship services, GO! Children's Worship includes drama, storytelling, group competitions, prayer, reflection, and live music. Drop off and pick up your children in the Chapel.

### Youth

Our youth group for grades 7–12 meets regularly on Sunday evenings throughout the school year. We also have small groups that meet Wednesday and Thursday evenings. See page 10 for upcoming events and announcements, and visit [christgreensboro.org/youth](http://christgreensboro.org/youth) for more information.

### Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please email [prayer@christgreensboro.org](mailto:prayer@christgreensboro.org). You may also call the church at 336-299-1571 and ask to speak to Susan Pabon.

### Accessibility

The congregation offers large print hymnals and Bibles, a magnifying sheet for use with our bulletins, and hearing assistance devices for our traditional services. Additionally, the 9am Awakening service features American Sign Language and Vietnamese translation. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

## Traditional Worship

8:30am and 11am, Sanctuary

\* *Those who are able, please stand.*

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### *Gathering*

We invite you to enter into a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship through our opening voluntary. To help preserve the sanctity of the service, please silence all electronic devices and refrain from flash photography.

### *Passing of the Peace*

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers using the words Christ spoke to his disciples of "Peace be with you." We offer this greeting to symbolize our unity and to practice God's call to encourage the bonds of peace in our world.

## WE GATHER

HYMN REQUESTS (8:30am)

TRINITY CHIMES (11am)

GREETING

VOLUNTARY

*Here I Am, Lord* (8:30am)

arr. John Carter

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (11am)

arr. Wilbur Held

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we worship the God of abundance!

**Here we hear of God's goodness and love!**

Here we are challenged to live as God's children!

**Here we are inspired to put our faith into action!**

**Let us worship with anticipation and joy!**

\* OPENING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

## WE PROCLAIM

ANTHEM (11am)

*Small Things* from *Table for Five...Thousand*

Allen Pote

Choristers; Sarah Long, Flute;

Izzy Harper, Guitar; Carolyn Cotton, Piano

\* SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-13

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Sermon  
Discussion  
Questions*  
See page 7.

## SERMON

*Boundless Part 1: It's About 'TUDE*

Pastor Morris

## WE RESPOND

- \* HYMN OF RESPONSE 451  
*Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883
- \* RESPONSE 70  
*Gloria Patri* MEINEKE

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

### CALL TO PRAYER

*Come, Christians, Praise the Lord (8:30am)*  
*The Lord is in His Holy Temple (11am)*

John Carter  
arr. Donald Moore

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

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### BOUNDLESS VIDEO

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I Give My Life (8:30am)*

Jean Anne Shafferman

Take my life and let it be a gift of service all for Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. I give my life to serve Thee, Lord; I give my all forevermore. I give my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will ever, only, all for Thee. I give my love to Thee, my Lord; I give my heart, its treasure store. I give myself, Lord, let me be ever, only all for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing a sacred song, a melody filled with messages from Thee, a song of love for Christ, my King. I give my voice, my Lord, and sing a sacred song, a melody filled with messages from Thee, a song of love for Christ my King. ©2005 The Lorenz Publishing Company

*Called as Partners (11am)*

Alfred V. Fedak

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring. Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills

*Offering Cards*  
For those who give electronically or by mail but would like to participate in this act of worship, cards for the offering plates are available in the pew pockets.

*Ways to Give*  
You may also give online at christgreensboro.org/giving or by texting CUMC to 73256.

together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace. ©2017 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

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\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer ourselves to you this day, trusting in your grace.  
May these gifts honor you, as they continue your work of  
offering the world a living hope. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH**

\* HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Here I Am, Lord*

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HERE I AM, LORD

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Peace I Leave with You (8:30am)  
O Dearest Lord, Accept Today (11am)*

Gary Alan Smith  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* TRINITY CHIMES (11am)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Closing  
Voluntary*

Traditionally, in classical worship, the service is not considered to be over until the voluntary has concluded. Those who wish to hear the closing voluntary are invited to remain in their pews; those who need to exit are asked to do so quietly.

**Ministry of Worship**

Participating Pastors: Morris Brown, Virginia Reynolds  
Crucifer: Elizabeth Collis

Ushers: Paul Suits, Tom Foreman, Bill Robinette (8:30am)

David Ray, Carl Ashby, Kathy Fair, Dan Leach, Ted Lide, John Muller,  
Cheryl Ray, Steve Taylor, Ron Wilson, Mary Jones, Ron Jones (11am)

Musicians: New Covenant Choir (8:30am) Choristers; Sarah Long, Flute;

Izzy Harper, Guitar; Carolyn Cotton, Piano;

Chancel Choir, Bill Cates, Asst. Conductor (11am)

Senior Director of Worship and Arts: Cathy West

Organist and Director of Children's Music: Chris Dederer

## Contemporary Worship

Awakening (9am) and Spark (11:15am), Fellowship Center

\* *Those who are able, please stand.*

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### **WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

We're so glad you're here! Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee as you gather.

### **WE SING AND PRAISE GOD TOGETHER**

*Swing Low* (9am)

*Old Church Choir; Good Good Father* (11:15am)

### **WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

RESPONSE

### **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

PRAYER SONG

*Garden*

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

### **WE PRACTICE GENEROSITY**

BOUNDLESS VIDEO

*Be Thou My Vision* (11:15am)

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES**

SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-13

SERMON

*Boundless Part 1: It's About 'TUDE*

Pastor Morris

### **WE SING TOGETHER THEN GO TO SERVE THE WORLD**

SENDING SONG

*Be Thou My vision* (9am)

BLESSING

*Ways to Give*  
You may also give  
online at  
christgreensboro  
.org/giving or by  
texting CUMC to  
73256.

*Sermon  
Discussion  
Questions*  
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### **Ministry of Worship**

Participating Pastors: Morris Brown, Alice Kunka  
Director of Contemporary Worship: Matt Gravely

## | This Sunday at Christ Church

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of the love, beauty and enduring faith of Elizabeth (Betty) W. Phillips, wonderful wife to Wade, devoted mother to Libby and Kathy, and cherished grandmother to Charles.

**The rose in the Sanctuary** is in celebration of the birth of Serenity Kimberly Smith, daughter of Beth Jackson, on October 10. Proud grandparents are Pam and Britt Jackson.

**Crop Walk:** The 2017 CROP Walk will be held at First National Bank Field in downtown Greensboro on October 15 at 2:30pm. CROP Hunger Walks help to support hunger-fighting development efforts around the world and, in Greensboro specifically, the Greensboro Urban Ministry's Potter's House Community Kitchen. All ages are welcome to walk with us! Visit our table in the Gathering Space or email Michelle Pyle ([mrpyle2@gmail.com](mailto:mrpyle2@gmail.com)) to learn more.

**Attractions Books for Guatemala:** Attractions Books to support our Guatemala Mission Team are available for purchase today in the Holy Grounds. Please contact Anna Brown ([abrown3308@gmail.com](mailto:abrown3308@gmail.com)) for more information.

## | This Week at Christ Church

*View the full calendar at [christgreensboro.org/calendar](http://christgreensboro.org/calendar).*

**Fall 2017 Lay Academy:** Dr. Mickey Efir's Lay Academy on the Gospel of Matthew continues this Tuesday, October 17, from 3pm-4:45pm in the Fellowship Center. Learn more at [christgreensboro.org/layacademy](http://christgreensboro.org/layacademy). Preregistration is not required.

**Prime Timers:** Prime Timers will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 5:30pm for dinner (\$6). The CUMC Drama Ministry, led by Jim Gibson, will present Retrto Night with puppets (led by Carol Harris) and Readers' Theatre (led by Mary Alice Austin). The Church Bus will pick up at WhiteStone at 5pm and at Friends Homes West at 5:15pm. Please make a reservation by noon on Monday, October 16, at [christgreensboro.org/events](http://christgreensboro.org/events) or by contacting the Reservation Line.

**Welcome Wednesday:** Join us for dinner at 5:30pm on Wednesday, October 18, followed by our fall classes beginning at 6:30pm. On the menu this week is stuffed pork chop, mixed vegetables, and apples; for kids, we'll have hot dogs and french fries. Make a reservation and see all fall classes at [christgreensboro.org/welcomewednesday](http://christgreensboro.org/welcomewednesday).

## | Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Do you approach life with an attitude of scarcity or abundance? Why?
2. How does an attitude of scarcity impact your life?
3. What practice might help you strengthen your attitude of abundance?

## | Prayer Ministry and Congregational Care

**Health and Wellness Survey:** As CUMC's Health Advisory Board transitions to the Health and Wellness Team, please take a minute to complete the Health and Wellness Survey, available at [christgreensboro.org/wellness-survey](http://christgreensboro.org/wellness-survey) or at the Connection Point desk. Each member of a family may participate. The survey period ends this Sunday, October 15.

**Become a part of Stephen Ministry:** All good coaches will tell you that teamwork is important to winning a game. Those who serve as Stephen Ministers become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles. God may have a place for you on our caring team. Contact Andee Morford ([andee.barbee@gmail.com](mailto:andee.barbee@gmail.com)) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

**Congregational Care Guiding Plan:** Our new Congregational Care Guiding Plan provides an overview of all of the congregational care teams at Christ Church, which work—often behind the scenes—to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support to those in our faith community. To learn more about Congregational Care at Christ Church, you may view the plan at [christgreensboro.org/member-resources](http://christgreensboro.org/member-resources) (password: holden) or pick up a copy at the Connection Point desk. For more information, contact Virginia Reynolds ([vreynolds@christgreensboro.org](mailto:vreynolds@christgreensboro.org)).

## | General Announcements

**Weekly Attendance:** The attendance for Sunday, October 8, was 564. Sunday school attendance was 289.

**Correction:** In last week's Minsitry Spotlight, we incorrectly stated that Patrick Bell is a student at UNCG. Patrick is a student at Greensboro College.

**Trunk or Treat and Halloween Carnival:** Wear your costumes and join us for a night of family-friendly fun at our annual Trunk or Treat and Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 25! Dinner will begin at 5:30pm, followed by trunk-or-treating and carnival games at 6:15pm. Donations to benefit UNICEF will be accepted. Interested in hosting a trunk? There will be prizes for Most Creative Theme, Best Overall Trunk, Wackiest Trunk, Laziest Trunk, and more (no scary themes please). Sign up at [tinyurl.com/treat2017](http://tinyurl.com/treat2017) by October 24.

**Fisk Organ Dedication 35th Anniversary:** In celebration of the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the Charles B. Fisk Pipe Organ Opus 82 at Christ Church, WDFC 101.7 will be broadcasting the recording of the dedication service held on Sunday, October 17, 1982. This is the only known recording of the outstanding concert featuring the Fisk Organ alongside the Christ Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra. Listen on Sunday, October 15, at 2pm and 8pm, and on Monday, October 16, at 8pm.

## | ChristLife Adult Ministry

**Connect With a Small Group:** For a list of our current Fall 2017 small groups and class opportunities, visit [christgreensboro.org/smallgroups](http://christgreensboro.org/smallgroups). Don't see a group that works for you? Contact Alice Kunka ([akunka@christgreensboro.org](mailto:akunka@christgreensboro.org)) or Anne Dooley ([adooley@christgreensboro.org](mailto:adooley@christgreensboro.org)), and we'll be happy to help you connect.

**NEW Armchair Travel Series:** Want to discover the world without having to worry about packing a suitcase, making hotel reservations, or flying long distance? Join us for our monthly Armchair Travel Series, launching October 26 at 7pm in the Disciple Room. For our premiere voyage, we'll gather for light dessert then "travel" to the National Parks of the Western US with a presentation by Sharon and Dick Kern. This series is sponsored by the Senior Adult Committee but is open to all ages.

## | ChristKids

**KIDS Group CROP Walk:** Our fellowship group for grades 4-6 will participate in CROP Walk to help raise money for hunger this Sunday, October 15. We will meet in the Gym at 1:30pm, go to walk, and have supper at Tex & Shirley's. Get your sponsor sheet and a t-shirt at the table in the Gathering Space, and RSVP at [christgreensboro.org/kidsgroup](http://christgreensboro.org/kidsgroup).

**Babygarten and MUSICplay:** There are still a few spots left in our music programs for infants and toddlers. Fall classes of Babygarten (ages 3-24 months) and MUSICplay (ages 2-3 years) began the week of October 9, but you can still sign up! Cost is \$20 per child. See available classes and register at [christgreensboro.org/childrensmusic](http://christgreensboro.org/childrensmusic).

**Children's Book Shelf:** We live in a time where local and world events happen that cause us to help our children find hope and strength. The children's book shelf, outside Room 112, has new books that help our children deal with today's issues. *Can I Play, Too?* helps children see that differences in children can be overcome with compassion and the right tools. *Celebrate You? Celebrate Me!* shows children that it is okay to be different. *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* tells the story of Greensboro's Woolworth's Sit-Ins and how four young men changed the world through peaceful protest. *The Storyteller's Candle*, written in both English and Spanish, tells the story of a family arriving in the United States and finding refuge in their local library. Our collection includes books for toddlers through late elementary students. Stop by the Resource Room to check out these books, plus seasonal and other great books for kids.

## | ChristYouth (Grades 7-12)

**Youth Group this Week:** This weekend our junior high youth are taking their Fall Retreat to Camp Chestnut Ridge, so they will not meet Sunday evening. Senior high youth have Music Night led by some of our juniors and seniors! Bring \$3 for snack supper and an instrument if you play one.

**College Care Packages:** If you love a college student, please send their name and mailing address to Katey Blaylock (youth@christgreensboro.org) by October 29 so they can receive a care package from the youth group.

**Senior High Fall Retreat:** Senior high will go to Camp Rockfish November 18-19. There will be ropes courses and other outdoor activities as well as the chance to get to know each other while growing closer to God! Cost is \$75. Learn more and register at [christgreensboro.org/youth](http://christgreensboro.org/youth).

## | Missions and Outreach

**Helping Hands for Hunger:** On October 22 from 4pm-6:30pm, Helping Hands for Hunger will package nutritional dried meals to feed both starving orphans abroad and hurricane disaster victims closer to home. Please visit [tinyurl.com/hhh2017oct](http://tinyurl.com/hhh2017oct) to sign up to help with meal packaging and [tinyurl.com/cumcgiving2017](http://tinyurl.com/cumcgiving2017) to donate funds to cover the cost of the meals.

**Food Drive:** Volunteers are still needed for the Fall Food Drive benefitting Greensboro Urban Ministry on Saturday, October 21, at the Harris Teeter at Friendly Center. Sign up now in the Gathering Space to work a two-hour shift where all you have to do is smile, greet customers, and ask for them to donate an item or two listed on the flyer you'll be distributing. If you can't volunteer, please shop Friday or Saturday, October 20-21, to help fill our carts. For more information, contact Beth Taylor (b76taylor@gmail.com; 336-202-8726) or June Farthing (336-255-3218).

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 29, from 8:30am-1pm in the Gym. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Christ UMC" or contact Jane Shank (336-314-1787; [shank.janei@gmail.com](mailto:shank.janei@gmail.com)).

## Ministry Spotlight: Introducing Boundless: From Vision To Reality

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Christ Church is a good church—a great church. But we believe that God is calling us to be an exceptional church. We have a new vision in place to embrace people, the community, and the world with the boundless love of God, and we are poised to take the next step and make that vision a reality. But we need you to make that happen.

This Sunday, October 15, we are excited to launch a 2-year, \$6 million generosity initiative entitled **Boundless**: From Vision to Reality.

The goal of Boundless is threefold. We want to:

1. Fund two years of missions and ministry expenses through our annual operating budget, including an increased 10% commitment to missions each year.
2. Retire \$250,000 of debt on the Fellowship Center and surrounding spaces.
3. Enhance our existing facilities, including restructuring our children and adult spaces and addressing major maintenance needs.

Over the coming weeks, we will take part in a worship series designed to help us learn to live more generous lives. We will discuss having an attitude of abundance versus scarcity (October 15), techniques for getting your financial life in order (October 22), giving your time and talent (October 29), and why invest your treasure in Christ Church (November 5).

Then, on Commitment Sunday (November 12), we will have the opportunity to make a formal commitment to Boundless. We'll also have our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast served by our youth, where we can come together as a family and enjoy a meal in celebration of the commitments we have made and the exciting things coming at Christ Church.

Interested in learning more about Boundless?

- You should have received a Vision Packet in the mail or at church. This includes an overview of the initiative, some frequently asked questions, and some resources for you as you begin this journey with us. If you have not yet received a Vision Packet, please contact the Church Office.
- Included in the Vision Packet is a Generosity Journal designed to help you prepare your heart for Commitment Sunday. If you would like an additional Generosity Journal for your household, please contact the Church Office.
- Visit our website at [christgreensboro.org/boundless](http://christgreensboro.org/boundless) to view our videos, download our resources, and keep up to date on the progress of the campaign.

We hope you will join us in worship and in prayer each week as we work toward Commitment Sunday on November 12. We are excited for the boundless possibilities in store for Christ Church and are looking forward to seeing where God leads us next!

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Christ Church on the Radio: 101.7 WDFC-FM (*11am service broadcast live on Sundays*)

Interested in joining the church? Please contact Susan Pabon, Clergy Administrative Assistant (spabon@christgreensboro.org), in the Church Office for more information.

**Office Hours** 9am–4pm, Monday – Friday

**Church Phone** (336) 299-1571 | **Church Fax** (336) 299-7866

**Reservation Line** (336) 299-1571 ext. 333

**Pastoral Care Emergency Line (After office hours and weekends)**

(336) 337-5633

### **Pastoral Staff**

Morris Brown, Senior Pastor

Louis Timberlake, Executive Pastor

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Alice Kunka, Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation

Mark Vickers, Associate Pastor and Lead Pastor at St. Timothy's UMC